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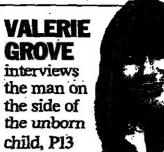
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CJD 'risk' to babies of women victims

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

WOMEN who develop the human form of "mad cow" disease may pass it on to their children, a leading British expert warned yesterday.

Dr Sheila Gore, of the Medical Research Council's biostatistics unit in Cambridge, said monitoring was vital, in the light of new evidence that mad cow disease can be passed from mother to calf.

Dr Gore, who is among those who have has been pressing the Ministry of Agriculture to publish results from its experiments — because of the implications its results may have for human disease - yesterday welcomed the decision to do so. The original plan had been to keep the experiment going until 1997, with the scientists "blinded", unaware of which animals came from infected mothers and which did not. Pressure has forced the Ministry to abandon this experiment ear-

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"We need to know how many children there are born to women who later contract this variant of CJD [Creutz-feldt-Jakob disease]," Dr Gore said, "We also need to know dates of birth, so that the children can be flagged with the Registrar-General, and

kept track of." The Health Department said that such monitoring was already being done, as part of the work of the CJD Surveil-Continued on page 2, col 5

Mad cows can pass disease to their calves

By Philip Webster, political editor, and Michael Dynes in Brussels

THE Government's efforts to restore faith in the beef industry suffered a new sethack yesterday after it revealed evidence for the first time that "mad cow" disease can be passed from mother to call.

The demolition of previous claims that the disease could only be passed through food threw its strategy for eradicating Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy into confusion.

Ministers immediately acknowledged that plans for the selective slaughter of 147,000 cows from previously infected herds would be rethought. Thousands more may have to be killed and the new findings are likely to delay any partial lifting of the export ban which, the Florence summit John Major predicted could happen within months.

Last night, in a surprise move signalling a potential new confrontation between London and Brussels, Franz Fischler, the EU Agriculture Commissioner, told the Government that the European Commission would now have to review its approval of Britain's previously agreed plans for eradicating the

Herr Fischler has written to Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, asking for further details of the findings. The EU's Standing Veterinary Committee also said that if Britain's selective cull had to be extended, the progressive lifting of the European ban on exports of British beef would have to be delayed.

Earlier, a hastily arranged announcement by the Ministry of Agriculture suggested that the risk of so called "maternal transmission" was about 10 per cent in BSEinfected cattle and as low as I per cent across the national herd. Throughout the day, government officials emphasised that there was no addi-

tional risk to human health. But Mr Hogg conceded that the existing slaughter scheme might have to be widened to include a limited number of

the "last-borns" from infected cows. This was because government scientists had found during a study of 600 cattle born in 1989 — half of them to confirmed BSE cases — that transmission of the disease was more likely to occur in the latter stages of the incubation period. In virtually all the cases the mothers died within.

six months of giving birth. However, the Government's advisers appeared to differ with Mr Hogg. Professor John Pattison, who chairs the BSE advisory committee, said that all calves of infected cattle might have to be slaughtered. "It is one option that has to be considered," he said. Mr Hogg insisted that it was "logical" to consider killing only the last-born calf of infected cows.

The new findings may help to clear up the mystery of why some 30,000 cattle, born after the suspect feed blamed for causing BSE was barned. went on to contract the disease.

There are no conclusions on precisely how BSE was passed from mothers to calves, whether genetically, through the womb, or at birth. The Government said that while the route of maternal transmission was still a mystery. BSE could not be passed through milk. Calves did not drink the milk produced by their mothers; that was saved for human consumption.



Hogg: "slaughter will have to be extended"

As the Opposition parties criticised the way officials and not ministers had dropped the new bombshell at a Whitehall briefing, critics of the Govern-ment's BSE policy went on the

warpath again last night.
Richard Lacey, a microbiologist at Leeds University who issued a warning long before the Government did that BSE could be transmitted to humans, said the findings implied that the disease was passed in the blood.

"If it's in the blood it means that all beef products are dangerous," he said. "This means there should be a total ban on beef products in this country and we should slaughter all infected herds. It is going to be devastating."

In Brussels Keith Meldrum. the Government's chief veterinary officer, told his EU colleagues of the result of the study and said Britain would now consider whether it was to extend the planned selective slaughter of 147,000 cattle.

Around a million cattle aged 30 months and over are also being slaughtered and Brussels could even insist that the 30-month ceiling is lowered. Mr Meldrum faced a barrage of questions at an emergency meeting of the EU's standing veterinary committee.

Mr Hogg said: We shall

need to take stock of the practical implications, in particular for the proposed selec-tive culi of cattle, and what basis of selection stands to produce the most effective acceleration in the decline of Meanwhile, the Spongiform

Encephalopathy Advisory Committee, which advises the Government on BSE and its human equivalent, CJD, insisted no new action was needed to protect public

In a statement the committee said: "There is no case for changing its recommendations in relation to milk, meat, blood or any other product which is currently permitted".



Olympic oaths of top official's wife

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN ATLANTA

THE wife of a senior Olympic Games official was arrested. seemingly under the influence of alcohol, after she allegedly swore at a policewoman and kneed her in the groin.

Julie Pound, 55, charged with disorderly conduct, battery, causing an obstruction and ignoring the orders of Officer Leanne Browning. Mrs Pound's hus-band, Richard, is a vicepresident of the International Olympic Committee and is regarded as the most powerful man in the organisation after its president, Juan Antonio

Samaranch. The Pounds, who are Canadian, were returning to their hotel early on Wednesday when the incident occurred. They crossed a road, despite being ordered by Officer Browning, who was directing traffic, to stay on the pavement. In her police report, Officer Browning said: "I told

Mrs Pound and her husband to 'Stop please and step back on to the kerb'. Instead of complying they proceeded further into the lane of traffic. I asked them three more times to return to the kerb. Instead, both Mrs Pound and her husband began arguing with me and stated that this is the

biggest waste of time"." Officer Browning said that when the couple saw a break in the traffic, Mrs Pound swore at her and crossed When she ordered them to return, Mrs Pound again swore at her and walked on.

"At that point, to prevent her from leaving the scene, I grabbed her arm and told her she was under arrest. She called me a bitch and kneed me in the groin."

Mrs Pound shouted for help, telling onlookers that she was being "brutalised". Officer Browning "had to fight" to get handcuffs on her. The Pounds are not the first Olympic visitors to have had trouble with Atlanta traffic police, who have repeatedly tried to stop jaywalkers.

Mr Pound has been one of the IOC's most vocal critics of Atlanta's handling of the Games, and has criticised transport problems and com-puter malfunctions. He has also joined other officials in expressing disenchantment at the overtly commercial ap-

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proach adopted by the Atlanta organisers. The couple live in Montreal where Mrs Pound is a respected fiction writer, writing under the name Julie Keith. Mrs Pound is due to appear

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in court on August 26. It is

Power utility leads bonanza

A new wave of utility shareholder bonanzas is experted in an attempt to beat the windfall utilities tax planned

by a Labour government. Yorkshire Electricity set the pace when it announced that next year's dividend would soar by 34 per cent as a way of returning value to shareholdafter a strong performance _____Page 21



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Official solicitor rules human embryos have no rights to avert being destroyed

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THE Official Solicitor yesterday refused to intervene in the destruction of thousands of human embryos, saying that a child acquires legal rights only if it is born alive. He spoke as 33 fertility

clinics began to destroy more than 3,000 embryos that had been frozen in liquid nitrogen for five years. Peter Harris, whose duty as Official Solicitor is to protect the interests of children, declined a request from Life, the anti-abortion campaigners, to halt the de-struction. Mr Harris used the principle of a "life in being" most commonly applied by inheritance lawyers to divide legacies - to explain his inability to intervene: "My view is that I could not act for a non-legal person and an embryo is not a legal person."

"A child has an independent legal persona when it is born. This doesn't mean to say that things which happen in utero don't give rise to cases of

action if the child is born alive. For instance, if a mother has been injured in a road traffic accident and a child has been born suffering from injuries suffered in the womb, a child has successfully sued the person who caused the accident for damages.

"If the mother had miscarried, there would have been no right of action in relation to the foetus. It would be dead. It wouldn't have an estate that would carry on. There was a recent case

where a mother was knifed by somebody and the foetus was injured. The child was born but died. The person who stabbed the mother was convicted of the murder of the child. There would be no criminal liability in terms of murder in relation to the foetus if the child had been horn dead. A child born alive has independent legal rights. not least of which is the right

The Prime Minister failed to

reply before the midnight deadline to the Life's request to extend it for six months. At Bourn Hall fertility clinic Cambridgeshire, Peter Brinsden, the director, laid

most of the blame for the destruction of the embryos on the parents who had either failed to reply to registered letters or moved without telling the clinic. "If you had £10,000 in the bank, you wouldn't normally ignore it for five years," he said. "These are even more important than £10,000. If couples shirk their responsibilities like that we have no choice but to destroy

The centres had lost touch with their parents, and embryos can be kept for longer than five years only with parental The embryos, consisting of four cells or fewer, were being thawed and placed in water or

salt solution at room tempera-

ture to perish before being

incinerated. Some clinics ex-

pect to take two days to complete the task.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority had warned Mr Brinsden that his clinic would be closed if he failed to comply with the rules. One American woman, who

had seen a report about the destruction on CNN television, telephoned Bourn Hall at 7pm on Wednesday, with just five hours to spare to save her embryos. She also paid the backlog of her bill for storing One or two drops of alcohol

were applied to each of 60 thawed embryos at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester, to break down their cells. "Of course, one is not happy

about destroying them but the law is quite clear and it has to be done," Dr Brian Lieberman, consultant in charge of in-vitro fertilisation, said. The day of reckoning has come."

Valerie Grove, page 13 | witnesses.

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Italians convict former SS officer

An Italian military court con-victed Erich Priebke, a former SS captain, of taking part in the massacre of 335 civilians in Nazi-occupied Rome, but ordered his immediate release because of extenuating

Priebke, 83, was accused of mass murder aggravated by premeditation and cruelty in the killings at the Ardeatine Caves on March 24, 1944. The prosecution had sought life imprisonment Page 11

Mother is road rage victim

Nicola Archer was attacked by a man with a screwdriver in a road-rage incident near Eastbourne. She escaped with a cut to her arm after winding up her car window.

Mrs Archer, 22, was with her three young children in a queue of stationary traffic when a car driven by a woman with a male passenger came round the corner behind her. The man got out and became very aggressive. Police are appealing for

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Reassuring statements that fail to win confidence

POLITICAL EDITOR

pe ONCE again the Government has ou contradicted its own past advice on the mad cow disease. Years of reassurmi ances from ministers and scientists that there is no evidence that cows can pass BSE on to calves were overturned yesterday by the Ministry of Agriculture's statement wi that "there may be very low levels G: of maternal transmission of BSE

Like all previous BSE "thunderbolts", yesterday's came out of the blue. Conveniently for the Govern-

Although the Government received the results of the seven-year study by the epidemiology department at the Central Veterinary Laboratory, Weybridge, in the middle of last month, officials insisted yesterday that it was not in a position to release it at that time. Instead, as usual, the findings were sent to the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (Seac) for assessment and its conclusions landed on the desks of

ministers early this week. However, the manner of yester-

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actly designed to raise public confidence in the Government's handling of an issue on which previous soothing words have proved to be worthless. It was driven by the fact that Keith Meldrum, the chief veterinary officer, was due to appear at yesterday's meeting in Brussels at a meeting of European Union vets.

In the past Britain has been berated for keeping them in the dark: it was decided therefore that Mr Meldrum would tell all at this

also be told at home. Specialist correspondents were invited along to a ministry talk from experts.

The BBC sent several reporters and what was intended to be a tight briefing developed into something close to a press conference. No ministers were present and it was only after the news broke during the morning that Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, went into action with a series of

The Government was swift to assure the public that the latest from cow to calf. In 1993 indepen-

human health. The public may be forgiven for treating those words with some caution.

BSE came to public attention in 1985 at a cattle show near Ashford, Kent, where cows were showing unusual symptoms, identified the following year as BSE. In 1988 scientists said it affected only older cattle fed on scrapie-infected sheep offal, and the ministry said there was no evidence to suggest it could cross the species barrier to affect others. The next year the Government's specialist committee said the disease could not be passed

findings had no implications for dent scientists began warning of a link between BSE and a disease that affected humans, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD). However, the Government continued to deny that it could cross the species barrier, with ministers stating that there was no evidence that BSE

could be transmitted to humans. It was in March this year that Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, said for the first time that government scientists believed there was a possible link between mad cow disease and CJD in humans. Its claim that beef could be eaten with confidence was met with a worldwide ban imposed by

Britain. However, the Government again insisted that the disease could not be transmitted from cows to caives.

Only two weeks ago came another "thunderbolt". There was now a strong possibility that BSE could affect sheep and there was risk inherent in the consumption of the brain, spinal chord or intestines. Yesterday's admission that the disease could pass from generation to generation punched the latest hole in the Government's campaign to allay public concern. Its record so far suggests it may

ment it came in the week after the day's announcement was not ex- meeting, and that the press would Findings raise possibility that human strain can be passed from infected mothers to their children

Calves discovery hits BSE eradication plan

SCIENCE EDITOR

THE discovery by government scientists that cows can pass on BSE to their caives means that eradicating the disease from British herds is likely to prove more difficult than thought. The seven-year study also raises the possibility that women who have suffered from the human version of BSE, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, may pass it on to their children.

The results suggest that likely to occur for many years. However, the Ministry of Agriculture said that the transmission from cow to calf was rare enough to ensure that BSE levels, which are falling at present by 40 per cent a year, should continue to decline rapidly.

The findings stem from an experiment in which 315 calves from cows which developed BSE were compared with a similar number of calves from cows of the same herd which had not shown signs of the disease by the age of six. Conducted by the Central Veterinary Laboratory on a farm in Yorkshire, the experiment involved monitoring the calves as they grew to see whether the offspring of BSE cows were more likely to contract the disease than those whose mothers were free of it. By July 14, 273 animals in

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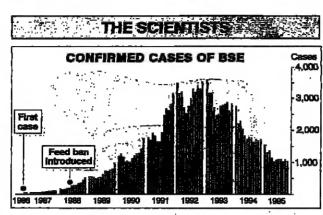
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each group had reached the slaughtered, or had developed disease. Of those with BSEinfected mothers, 42 have been confirmed as having BSE. In the other group, 13 have developed BSE. This means that there is an excess risk in the group with BSE-infected mothers of 29, or roughly 10 cent of the calves. It follows that about one in ten of the calves born to BSE-infected cows is likely to get the

disease from its mother. The experiment proves that maternal transmission takes place, but does not give a very accurate estimate of how great it is. All the calves in the study were born in the 13 months before their mothers showed clinical evidence of BSE, and the great majority within five months of clinical onset.

complexion on the figures, the ministry suggests that the risk is concentrated in the last six months or so before clinical symptoms appear. Since cows on average produce calves over five years, or 60 months. this means — the ministry asserts - that the 10 per cent risk is in reality only i per cent in farm conditions.

If true, this means that only the last calf born to a cow before she develops BSE stands a real risk of getting the disease. So a slaughter policy that concentrated on the final calf born to an infected mother might be justified, and is one option being considered by the

Typically, cows have their first calf when they are a year or two old. After that, a farmer would aim for a further calf every year for as long as the Putting the best possible cow is productive, typically

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seven or eight years, but sometimes longer. That means that a dairy cow might have six or more calves during

her career. The Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC), in a statement issued yesterday, concedes that the experiment "does not provide a good estimate of the risk to animals born more than six months before the onset of BSE in the dam". Only if the risk of transmission is insignificant before that time is the per cent figure quoted by the

ministry appropriate.

Kevin Taylor, Assistant
Chief Veterinary Officer, said it was still a mystery how the disease was transmitted from cow to calf. It could not be passed through milk, because the caives of dairy cows do not drink their mother's milk. It was possible infection could occur through the embryo, placenta or uterine discharge.

He also said that it was difficult to quantify how many calves had acquired BSE from their mothers. Of a total of 28,402 cases of BSE in animals born after infected feed was banned, 1,203 were the offspring of diseased animals. That rate is 4.2 per cent, but that's misleading because many of them will also have been exposed to the risk of feed" he said. The figure was broadly consistent with the research findings.

Douglas Hogg, the Agricul-



The study involved calves from cows infected with BSE compared with calves from those that showed no signs

ture Minister, said: "It is important to keep this information in perspective. The Chief Veterinary Officer endorses SEAC's conclusions that there is no case for changing recommendations in relation to milk, meat or any other product which is cur-

But Dr Helen Grant, a retired neuropathologist from Charing Cross Hospital in constant critic of the Government over BSE, said that the ministry should now follow advice to ban calves' brains from human consumption.

This makes it clear that when the calves are born, they may have infected brains," she said. They should be excluded from the food chain, as the House of Commons Select Committee recommended as long ago as July, 1990."

there is no need to change: these regulations, but no doubt they will keep it under consideration. The food manufacturers have told us that calves' brains are not in fact used in food products."

try confirmed that there are no

restrictions on the use of

materials from calves less

than six months old. "SEAC

have advised that at present-

The Committee considered whether evidence of maternal

transmission calls into question the existing recommendations to protect public health. These were drawn up on the assumption that BSE could be a risk to man, still not proven. and on the assumption that occur. The committee concluded that there was no case for tions in relation to milk, meat, blood or any other permitted

Latest findings may endanger fragile meat market recovery

THE livestock industry had yet to feel the impact of the Ministry of Agriculture's announcement last night. The auction market average price of beef actually rose from Wednesday's 95.61p per kilo to the Meat and Livestock Comnission, which said the news had not prompted panic.

Farmers will anxiously watch market trends today as the news that BSE can be passed from cow to calf is assessed by consumers. Sales of beef have returned to nearly 80 per cent of their pre-scare level in March and the retail trade desperately hopes the return of public confidence will not be damaged.

The Consumers' Association meanwhile renewed its advice to shoppers buying the Sunday roast that they should buy the "safe" muscle cuts of beef only if they consider acceptable whatever risk that might accompany it, and avoid beef products. David Dickinson, editor of *Health* Which?, published by the association, said: "The government gave people the impression that maternal transmission wasn't the case.

What the new statement raises now is the distinct possibility that calves born to BSE-infected cows which have not developed the symptoms may well have got into the THE INDUSTRY

The Meat and Livestock Commission acknowledged that the Government may need to review its approach to the selective slaughter programme proposed by the EU as a precondition to reopening export markets to British beef. But Colin Madean, its director general, said: "The important point is that this result poses no threat to human health. All the safeguards which have already been put in place ensure the safety of

British beef which can be

eaten with confidence. All these findings may mean is that it may take slightly longer to eradicate BSE from cattle

totally.~ The commission said the sharp downward trend in the number of BSE cases, from 1,000 a week in 1993 to fewer than 200 a week now, would not be affected. Sir David Naish, president of the NFU, said: The announcement confirms what we have all believed would be the probable outcome of research into macifully at the lowest level.

"I am relieved that the likely transmission rate is put at only I per cent. There is more and more evidence that the action that has been taken is enough and that BSE is in dramatic decline."

He said that infected feed had remained the source of BSE and that the impact of the 1988 feed ban had led to a dramatic fall in BSE numbers, which were declining at a rate of about a third year on year.

Sainsbury's reported that sales of beef, running at between 75-80 per cent of prescare levels, were continuing to recover steadily. Diane Lamb, the supermarket chain's head of press, said: "We have looked at it and nothing new has come out of the report. It doesn't affect our

"In 1990 we launched our "Farm Assured Scheme" which gives us full traceability on all our meat. All our British beef is under 30 months old." Devon dairy farmer Brian Jennings, who has 220 head of cattle, said: "What has been said does not come as a surprise. The overwhelming conviction of farmers is that BSE is linked to contaminated

feed and there has always been a suspicion that there may be a genetic susceptibility which compounds the prob-lem. Most farmers will have accepted advice not to breed from siblings of dams that have gone down with BSE."

Precautions sufficient, say French farmers

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

CONSUMER groups in France reacted with shock yesterday to the British statement but farm unions said that safety precautions already in place were sufficient to prevent further

public panic in France. Vincent Perot, scientific director of the Confederation of Living Environment, said: "If the disease can be handed down through the generations, that could massively increase the problem

simply slaughtering cows over a certain age may not be sufficient."

The French Ministry of Agriculture declined to comment but the French Young Farmers' Union said that the possibility of from cow to calf would not affect cattle breeders, given the government's policy of slaughtering entire herds when a single cow was

found to be infected. Consumption of beef in France has dropped by almost a third since

CJD 'risk to babies of women

Continued from page ! lance Unit in Edinburgh.

They look at the family history of all cases of CJD, and that would go forwards as well as backwards" a spokeswom-

an said. So far, the CJD unit has identified 11 patients with the form of CJD which has been tentatively linked with BSE. All but one have already died, and none have been named by the unit, so it is impossible to say whether any were mothers with children who may be at

Dr Gore points out that

than calving, which may reduce the risk of transmission. But it is not clear how maternal transmission in cows occurs. If it is in the womb rather than during birth or after birth. it may just as easily

occur in humans. "I am not trying to cause alarm but I think it is important that the question of maternal transmission is raised for all species that are subject to these diseases" she said.

"For the first time we are seeing cases of CID in women still in their child-bearing years. We have no idea of the human births take place in far risk of maternal transmission. more controlled conditions All I am saying is let us not

make the mistake of not getting the data." At least three mothers died of CJD last year. Although it is unclear whether they had the new strain which could be linked with BSE — it is known to afflict the under-45s. Old-style CJD usu-

ally strikes after the age of 63. Jean Wake, 38, a divorcee with a 15-year-old daughter from Washington, Tyne and Wear, died last November after a long illness. She had spent four months in hospital. the last three unable to recognise her family. Her mother

Nora Greenhalgh, 74, from

Sunderland, had been sent a

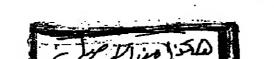
letter by John Major stating:

"I must reassure you that there is no evidence to suggest that eating meat causes this sort of illness in people."

Michelle Bowen, 29, of Harpurhey, Manchester, also died last November, weeks after her baby was delivered by Caesarian section while she was in a coma. She had worked in a butcher's shop when she was a teenager. Her symptoms included mood

Margaret Garland. 52, a mother of two, died in June last year. Her husband John, a Government at the time of treating consumers like dirt.

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Nurse drowns on first day of 50th birthday trip

A NURSE drowned on the first day of a holiday in the South Pacific to celebrate her forthcoming 50th birthday and her sister's 30th wedding anniversary, it emerged yesterday.

Margaret Lynch, from Meppershall, Bedfordshire, who was also a swimming instructor, was overpowered by a freak wave as the fringes of a massive tropical storm swept over the small island of Rarotonga, part of the Cook Islands.

Mrs Lynch, who had gone out in a rowing boat with her brother-in-law while her husband Eddie was recovering from jet-lag, was flung into the sea after the boat capsized. Local fishermen tried in vain to rescue her.

Mrs Lynch, her sister Sheena and brother-in-law Peter Thomasson had decided to go snorkelling in the lagoon between the shore and the coral reefs that ring Rarotonga. They were unaware that the massive waves crashing over the reefs were not normal, but caused by a huge tropical storm that was also causing chaos in Hawaii, 4,000 miles to the north.

Mr Thomasson said: "It looked like paradise, absolutely wonderful. We were far enough from the storm that we could not see the bad weather, only the waves. There was an enormous sea out on the outer reef, which we didn't realise was totally unusual for the island. We had only been there for eight hours and this was the first time we had had a look at the lagoon. The three of us decided to row out to some islands about 200 yards away and do some snorkelling. leaving Eddie to

"On the way, we stopped to change position so I could row



Margaret Lynch: waves were too strong for her



more comfortably, and when we sat down again we noticed that we had actually drifted quite a long way. It turned out that, unbeknown to us, there was a horrendous current in the lagoon, dragging us towards this huge great surf on the outer reef.

"I was trying to row like nobody's business, but I just couldn't beat the current. We were being dragged inexorably towards the waves, which looked as big as a house."

A local man spotted the Britons' distress and set out in small rowing-boat, picking Mrs Thomasson up and returning her to shore. Before he

Mr Thomasson said: "Mar garet and I were being ducked inderwater by every wave, but we managed to hang on to the boat and I attached a line from it to his boat. The chap was a very strong rower and very brave, but he seemed to be being dragged towards the waves. Then I realised that some fishermen in a boat with an outboard motor had gone out to the other side of the surf. "He had decided that the

only way to save us was to go through the waves to them. but we got into even rougher seas and both boats were capsized and all three of us were being knocked about by horrendous waves. Margaret was a swimming instructor in her spare time and a strong swimmer, but the sea was so rough, it was too much even for her."

Mr Thomasson made it through the surf to the waiting fishermen, and the local rower managed to swim to shore.

Mr Thomasson said: "It was terrible having to tell Eddie what had happened. He was distraught. The dreadful thing is that the next day it was completely calm again and there were little boys out in boats there, having no difficulties at all." The bereaved holidaymak-

ers were visited by Rarotonga's Prime Minister, who paid his condolences. They flew back to England two days after the accident on July 20, but Mrs Lynch's body could not be brought back for some time. An inquest into her death was opened in Bedford-A fund has been set up in

Mrs Lynch's memory to thank the Rarotongans for their help in trying to save her. It will be donated to the island's health



Lady Sarah Chatto leaving hospital with her husband and their son, who arrived on Sunday weighing 7lb 12oz

Royal Family's new member waits for proud parents to name names

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE child 14th in line to the throne emerged from the Portland Hospital in London yesterday, still officially without a name. The boy, born on Sunday, is Princess Margaret's first grandchild. Asked how she was feeling, Lady Sarah Chatto, with her hair tied in a pony tail and wearing loose green trousers and a mustard smock top, said:

The child is blessed with having no title and no foreseeable public role in spite of being a great-grandson of King George VI, because his father is a oner. The former Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, 32, younger child of the Queen's sister and the Earl of Snowdon, married Daniel Chatto, 39, in

1994. They live quietly away from public scrutiny in a flat in west London.

The Queen's only niece was said to be in good health after the birth. Lady Sarah's father and Mr Chatto's mother, Ros, were the first to visit mother and baby. Lady Sarah told the Royal Family of her pregnancy during a visit to Windsor Castle last Christmas. The Queen, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon, who divorced in 1978, were said by Buckingham Palace to be-

The baby will be in the same position as the children of the Princess Royal, Peter and Zara Phillips. Their father, Captain Mark Phillips, was also a amoner so they inherit neither title nor position, irrespective of the fact that

They, too, have the good fortune to enjoy a relatively private life with no official

Mr Chatto, a former actor, and Lady Sarah, who attended a south London art college, are both artists who travel regularly to the Continent to paint together. Lady Sarah's older brother, Viscount Linley, and his wife Serena Stanhope married in 1993 but do not yet have children.

Baby Chatto's claim to the throne omes in a queue preceded by the Prince of Wales, Prince William, Prince Harry, the Duke of York, Princess Beatrice, Princess Eugenie, Prince Edward, the Princess Royal, Peter Phillips, Zara Phillips, Princess Margaret, Viscount Linley and Lady Sarah Chatto.

Book on 'killings' is fiction, **RUC** says

BY MICHAEL EVANS

THE Royal Ulster Constabulary said yesterday that a book claiming that an SAS squad assassinated 30 terrorist sus-pects in Northern Ireland in the early 1970s was fiction. The RUC's judgment on The

Nemesis File. by Paul Bruce, the pseudonym of a man claiming to have been a mem-ber of the death squad, was issued after the author's interrogation at a Belfast police station. He was arrested at his flat in England on Wednesday. The book, published by Blake Publishing last autumn, is to come out in paperback next month.

The RUC said it was satisfied the allegations in the book are not true in fact or substance and this includes an assertion that the author was at some time a member of the Special Air Service Regiment". The RUC was satisfied that the author had not been concerned, either directly or indirectly, "in the commission of any serious criminal offence whilst serving in the Prov-ince". The RUC established that Mr Bruce had served as a vehicle mechanic with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers during 1972. The statement said the investiga-

tion into the matter was closed. Yesterday, after Mr Bruce was released, John Blake, the book's publisher, said he remained convinced that the author was telling the truth. ☐ Nationalists in Londonderry have removed the Unionist mayor's privileges after his participation in a loyalist protest last month. Richard Dallas, an Ulster Unionist, will

hold office in name only. The move was initiated by the Social Democratic and Labour Party, which controls the city council. after the mayor joined a loyalist blockade in the city during July's stand-off in Drumcree over an Orange parade. It represents a blow to cross-community relations.

Greek tycoon's home raided by armed gang

A BRANDY tycoon has had money and jewellery worth thousands of pounds stolen from his home by an armed gang who handcuffed his mother-in-law to the banister as they searched the house.

Detectives are investigating possible links between the robbery at the home of Spiro Metaxas and other raids across the country in the past 20 months that have netted at least El million.

In March the wife of Ron Atkinson, the Coventry City football manager, was hand-cuffed to banisters at her home in Birmingham as three men in balaclavas stole her £10,000 engagement ring. All the victims have been tied up or handcuffed and threatened. One brand of handcuffs is believed to have been used in all the raids with the keys left

In the latest attack, on Wednesday night, Stephanie Slater, the mother-in-law of Mr Metaxas, one of the brothers who sold Metaxa, Greece's leading spirits producer, to Grand Met in 1989 for E100 million, was alone watching television in the house at Godalming, Surrey, when the five raiders, wearing balaclavas, ran down the stairs and

shot a Rotweiller guard dog through the chest.

They had used a ladder to get in through a bedroom window. Mrs Slater was forced to open the family safe before being handcuffed. They then searched the rest of the house for valuables. She freed herself and dialled 999. Police are check-

ing security cameras at the house, which is set in three acres of secluded grounds and regularly patrolled by uniformed guards with dogs.

Last night detectives were trying to contact Mr Metaxas and his wife Kimberley, who are on holiday with their two sons. Mrs Metaxas is a wellknown showjumper who com-petes in dressage events. In other attacks, Eddie

Healey, a millionaire property entrepreneur, was threatened and handcuffed at his house near Hull by a gang that escaped with cash and jewellery worth £250,000. Bill Bell, chairman of Port Vale Football Club, and his wife Jean were tied to a radiator in their home in Staffordshire. In Warwickshire, George Webster was at home with his wife when men burst in and threatened to kill them unless they opened the safe.

Boy hurt by army training explosive

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A BOY aged 14 was badly burnt when a thunderflash left over from a military training exercise exploded in his face. Doctors may have to operate to save Simon Richardson's sight after he picked up the firecracker as he explored sand dunes on a military beach near Perranporth, Cornwali.

Simon's parents, Colin and Jill Richardson, from Durham, condemned the Defence Ministry for not providing adequate warning signs. The army training range borders on a holidaymakers' area and there are warning signs but no fence. Mr and Mrs Richardson said the peeling signs failed to provide sufficient warning.

Simon is understood to have taken the device back to the holiday camp and opened it, when it exploded. He was taken to the burns unit at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, He has a badly damaged right eye, damaged left eye, badly swollen lips and burns on 10 per cent of his body.

An MoD spokesman said that he was "extremely sorry" about what had happened but signs clearly indicated that people should keep out of the area.

It's a good old-fashioned rock 'n' roll engagement

LIAM GALLAGHER, rebellious singer with the pop group Oasis, confirmed his engagement to actress Patsy Kensit yesterday after a turbulent seven-month relationship that has followed the finest traditions of rock'n'roll love affairs. The couple exchanged rings from an antique shop in Hatton Garden, London, and will marry when Miss Kensit's divorce from Jim Kerr, singer with the group Simple Minds, is finalised. Yesterday at Miss Kensit's home in St John's Wood,

Gallagher, 23, who proposed a month ago, said he thought the engagement was "great". The news also pleased his mother. Peggy Gallagher, who said from her council home in Burnage, Manchester yesterday. I'm abso-



lutely thrilled for both of them. Patsy is such a nice girl. She was really good to me when I was ill. I've known for a few days because Liam

phoned up to tell me." The couple began dating publicly in January soon after Miss Kensit, 28, announced her separation from Kerr. who used to be married to Chrissy Hynde, lead singer with The Presenders. Weeks

later they were seen kissing at a Dublin fashion show. During a fiery relationship which has at times been more off than on the couple's every disagreement has been faithfully charted by the press. On one occasion Miss Kensit was photographed kicking Gallagher and his car after he had spent the night at the home of the supermodel Kate

☐ Radio One DJ Chris Evans will be staying in Scotland for at least another week in spite of distaste over his jokes about "tartan tottie" and Scot-tish accents when he broad-cast the Breakfast Show from Inverness on Monday. He is booked into a 15th-century Scottish castle 30 miles to the south of Inverness for a week, and is already contemplating new Scottish venues for the



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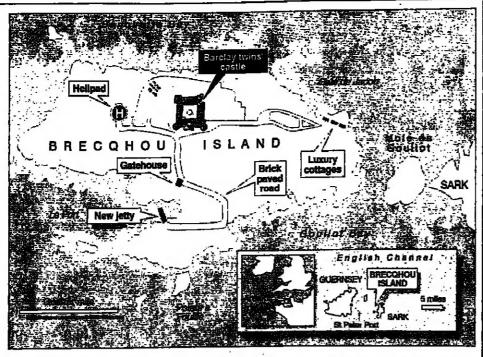
FROM PHILIP JEUNE IN JERSEY

BRITAIN's wealthiest twins moved to their new home on the tiny Channel Island of Brecchou this week. They will soon find out if an Englishman's eastle really is

David and Frederick Barclay, whose personal fortune is estimated to be at least £650 million, will be spending August with their families in an as yet unfinished Gothic-style castle on the island, the lease to which they acquired for £2.3 million in 1993.

The brothers are passionate about their privacy. Yet their move has been accompanied by a string of legal actions brought on their behalf that have attracted the very publicity they are so keen to avoid.

Since buying the lease of Brecqhou, they have sued Guernsey's local paper, the **BBC Director-General John** Birt, an Observer journalist



Seigneur of neighbouring

In their action against Mr Beaumont, the twins are questioning the constitutionrelationship between Sark, one of the few remaining feudal states in the world, and Brecqhou. When they bought the lease, the Bardays had to pay a thirteenth of the price - the "treizieme" - to Mr Beaumont, which amounted to £179.000. In their action they are seeking the return of

these feudal dues, a declaration that Brecquou is not part of the fief of Sark; the amendment of their title deeds to reflect the true legal position; and clarification of the laws of Breeqhou con-

cerning inheritance rights

and alienation. The action against the Guernsey Evening Press & Star was over the paper's publication of drawings of the castle, which the brothers considered to be private documents. The paper filed a defence in 1995, since when

The recent libel action against Mr Birt and the journalist John Sweeney was brought by the Bardays in St Malo, France. It stemmed from an interview with Mr Sweeney, broadcast on BBC Radio Guernsey but heard in France, in which he was alleged to have accused the brothers of corruption. They sought damages of £108,000 but the case was thrown out after the judge

Drivers face M-way junction closures across the country

By JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE sudden closure of one of Treasury cuts in his maintethe country's busiest motorway junctions for repairs expected to take a year could be repeated on other main routes because of the scale of cuts in the roads maintenance

The Highways Agency has shut junction two of the M1 in north London for safety reasons with less than four hours' notice. Tests showed that it was unsafe and needed £2.5 million of strengthening work,

the agency said.

The Five Ways Corner junction, which links the M1 with the Al, was closed at 9pm on Wednesday, causing long tailbacks. The agency said tests of the strength of the slip-road showed it was unsafe although there was only a minimal risk of it collapsing. Repair work will not begin until January and is unlikely to be completed before next

Lawrie Haynes, the agen-

nance budget meant "funding will not be sufficient" to avoid a further deterioration of the may need strengthening. roads network. Mr Haynes. who has been fighting a Whitehall battle to protect his

budget in the present spending round, said in a letter to an MP that the agency "expects to be able to maintain safety" but that many vital repair projects will have to be put off until next year or 1998. disruption. The agency's £1.6 billion

maintenance budget was cut by 4 per cent last year and is expected to be reduced again by the Chancellor in his search for public spending cuts.

Hundreds of motorway bridge and road structures built in the 1950s and 1960s need repairing because of unforeseen levels of traffic and because they were built to low specifications.

Pressure on the agency's maintenance budget has been increased by a European Union decision to allow 40tonne trucks into Britain from 1999. Mr Haynes said that 1.756 trunk road bridges, including 34 motorway bridges.

The next big motorway closure is due in February when work begins on testing the M4 Chiswick flyover in west London for "concrete cancer". Motoring organisations have said that the work could lead to ten years of

☐ The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency is failing in its main duty to encourage motorists to license their vehicles, the Commons Public Accounts Committee says in a

report published today.

The agency, which collects £4 billion a year and has seen an 18 per cent increase in the level of evasion since 1989. makes little effort to "go after" tax evaders or to penalise persistent offenders. The report says that shoddy collecting is costing the taxpayer £163 million a year.

Relatives

see film

of sunken

carrier

By Jonathan Prynn

RELATIVES of some of the 42

British seamen and two wives

who died in the unsolved loss of the bulk carrier Derbyshire

have been shown video foot-

age of the wreck on the floor of

The sequences, taken as

part of a government-funded

exploration of the wreck site,

show clear views of the stern of the 160,000-tonne vessel, the

biggest British vessel lost at

sea. Five family members

were shown the footage at a

briefing by three assessors

appointed to carry out the million investigation ordered by the Government after an inquiry headed by

A remote control mini-

around the wreckage of the Derbyshire, which sank in a

typhoon in 1980 and is broken

into bow and stern sections

The footage increases hopes

that the cause of the loss will

be revealed. The video re-

moves one possibility, that the Derbyshire had run into prob-

lems in high seas after losing

the Pacific Ocean.

Lord Donaldson.

700 yards apart.

submarine equipped



Charles Kray: arrested

Kray held after drug seizure

Charles Kray the elder brother of the Kray twins. was questioned yesterday by detectives investigating a plot to supply cocaine worth £80 million. Kray, 70, was arrested with two other men after a three-month operation in east London. Cocaine worth £60,000 was seized. In a separate initiative against drug trafficking, police made 31 arrests yesterday in raids across south London.

Synod accused

A vote of no confidence in the General Synod of the Church of England has been passed by the Lower Heyford parochial church council in On-fordshire, which claims its agenda has been "captured" by special interest groups.

Legion's image

The Royal British Legion is to update its image with a £250,000 campaign highlighting the plight of troops in modern wars and the needs of their families. Posters will focus on conflicts in Bosnia. Rwanda and the Gulf.

Generous Getty

J. Paul Getty has donated £50,000 to the National Galleries of Scotland's appeal to save Il Guercino's Erminia Finding the Wounded Tancred from being exported. The appeal has until August 15 to raise £225,624.

School fire

The 19th-century main building of Bedstone College Shropshire, has been bady damaged by fire. The blaze is the listed Calendar building. which has 365 windows and 52 rooms, broke out during redecoration.

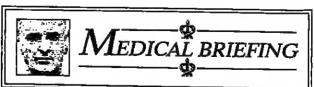
GORRECTIONS

☐ The consolidated unfunded governmental pension debt for the European Union is £10,000 billion, not £10 billion as incorrectly printed in Mr Norris McWhirter's letter of July 31.

Mr Robin Whitworth

(obituary, July 31) was 85 when he died, not 95 as stated.

Foreign vice may have fatal charm



become established in South-East Asia before the late Lord Moynihan had started his brothels, it is unlikely that he would have died a millionaire. On the same day that the High Court unravelled his matrimonial arrangements, it was reported that some doctors believe that subtype E, which is prevalent in South-East Asia, could be more readily spread by heterosexual intercourse than subtype B, the common European variant.

There seems little evidence that the HIV epidemic among heterosexuals in South-East Asia is a result of any change in the virulence of the virus. Even so, this should discourage anyone who may be planning a visit to the New Dawn of Life massage parlour in the Philippines, a significant contributor to the Moyni-

han fortune. HIV types 1 and 2 have long been recognised as unstable viruses: they are subject to both mutation and recombination. As yet no mutation has produced a virulent form of HIV, so the disease has been relatively difficult to catch through heterosexual intercourse and has, seemingly, been spread only rarely by accidental infection.

When the worldwide epidemic started, the instability of the virus caused alarm and considerable public debate in the United States, whereas in Britain little was said publicly. However, Barney Hayhoe told me that while he was Health Minister in the mid 1980s this hazard was regularly discussed in the department. The prevalence of prostitution is more likely to be responsible for the spread of HIV in South-East Asia than any predeliction of subtype E to

attack heterosexual people. It is rapidly becoming as dangerous to have casual sex in South-East Asia as it is in Africa. In both areas there is an acceptance of prostitution which, combined with the lack of clinics for treating sexually transmitted diseases, produces an ideal situation for

spreading HIV. In Britain we have the best clinics in the world and few women are left with chronic ulcers and sores after childbirth, the discharges from which are as good a medium as blood for HIV to flourish in.

In Asia, as in Africa, widespread migration spreads HIV. But the African migration is determined largely by economic necessity, whereas in Asia much of it is related to the holiday trade. Encouragingly, HIV among young men in Thailand is falling as a result of greater use of condoms, better sexual disease clinics and less use of prostitutes.

The Public Health Laboratory Service monitors HIV subtypes in England and Wales and would notice if there were an increase in one subtype which could be related to a change in the pattern of the epidemiology of the

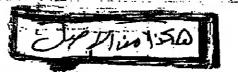
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Agency accused of treating health foods as medicine

SARDINES contain so much vitamin B12 that they should be available only on prescrip-tion, it was claimed yesterday. Maurice Hanssen, director of the Council for Responsible Nutrition, said British regula-tions concerning health foods and medicines were full of such anomalies.

after drug seizure

Mr Hanssen, author of the best-selling book E for Addi-nives, said: "Many other natu-ral products could be reclassified as medicines if the Medicines Control Agency continues as it has since last December. They are so arbitrary they should be called the Medicines Out-of-Control Agency. They are seizing health supplements, vitamins and minerals and ordering them off the market in flat contradiction of stated government guidelines."

The agency, in recent moves that health food manufacturers regard as "aggressive". has banned products containing melatonin, marketed as a relief for jet lag, and questioned the status of Kira, a product based on St John's wort claimed to be a mild antidepressant. It also obliged the makers of Waterfall, a health product designed to help to maintain water balance through the menstrual cycle,

to obtain a medicine licence. The agency was established as an executive agency of the Department of Health in 1991 and became a commercial enterprise in 1993. Its main purpose is to safeguard public health with regard to medi-cines, for which it issues licences. Mr Hanssen said it



claimed to be implementing European legislation which declared that anything which prevents, treats or cures disease should be regarded as a medicine.

"An ordinary can of sar-dines contains 28 times the recommended daily allowance of vitamin Bl2. A health product with so much vitamin would be likely to be banned in many European countries unless it was registered as a medicine. We are in danger of being told here that sardines should only be eaten under medical supervision."

Mr Hanssen added that pork liver contains 60 times the recommended daily allowance of vitamin A; a litre of orange juice 62 times the recommended daily allowance of vitamin C; a kipper eight times the recommended daily allowance of vitamin D; and brown rice up to nine times the recommended daily allowance of vitamin Bl.

Herbal remedies such as carnomile or feverfew could only be sold without the information about the conditions they were good for. "It is a ridiculous denial of information to consumers."

Anthony Bush, chairman of the Health Food Manufactur-

St John's wort

Hedgerow

herb 'beats

pills for

depression'

By NIGEL HAWKES

SCIENCE EDITOR

THE herb St John's wort is better than pills for banishing

depression, according to Ger-

man and American doctors.

They say the wild relation of

gardeners' hypericum is just

as effective as drugs and has

Used for years in Germany

as a folk medicine, Hyperi

cum perforatum is virtually

unknown to doctors in Eng-

lish-speaking countries. The

2ft plant with five-petalled

yellow flowers grows in hedgebanks, woods and rough grassland. In Germany, the seven

leading preparations using

extracts from St John's wort

account for 2.7 million pre-scriptions a year worth £26 million. Dr Klaus Linde of

Ludwig-Maximilians Univer-

sity, Munich, led colleagues

and doctors from the Veterans

Hospital in San Antonio,

Texas, in examining the re-

sults of trials of the plant. They report in the British

Medical Journal that it equalled the effect of standard

antidepressants in treating mild to moderately severe depressive illness. The side-

effects of the herbal remedy

trials were too small to be

statistically certain. They call

for further tests comparing St John's wort directly with anti-

In an editorial in the jour-

nal, two Dutch doctors say that to be accepted as a

treament for major depression, the herb would have to meet the same rigorous demands laid down for synthetic antidepressants and that the studies cited by Dr Linde and his colleagues do not meet these criteria. But they say that the safety and toler-

ability of St John's wort argue in its favour and that bigger

trials are justified.

But the doctors add that the

fewer side effects.

Pet snakes may rival man's best friend

By Russell Jenkins AND DIANA THORP

A PET boa constrictor can begood for your health and help you to live longer, according to a new study.

In a domestic setting animal behaviourists have found that they can have the same soothing effect as a pet dog, slowing the owner's heart rate when he watches or strokes the snake.

Derek Grove, a curator at Dudley Zoo and breeder of rainbow boa constrictors, said that he enjoyed stroking the snakes he keeps in a cage in his bedroom. "I stroke them but don't let them out. They can calm you down and make

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very good pets."

Mr Grove, 33, who keeps other rainbow boas in cages in a garden shed, said snakes were less messy than a cat or dog and, after the cost of a cage and thermostat, were also cheaper to keep. He sells

the offspring for £50 to £200. "I feed them frozen rodents such as rats or mice, which I thaw out. A rat costs 35p and, depending on the size of the snake, many need to be fed only one a week," he said.

Dogs and cats are known to have a beneficial effect on people with heart problems and are often recommended for patients recuperating from heart surgery. Timothy Eddy, of the University of Southwestern Louisiana, studied the effect of more exotic pets. In one experiment, published for a pet therapy conference at Cambridge University, he measured the cardiac responses of a herpetologist to his 10year-old boa constrictor.

Heart rate and blood pressure relaxed significantly when he was near the snake. Mr Eddy concluded that a wider range of animals should be considered as pets.



Derek Grove: soothing

British Government should be helping this sector promote health. Instead, their agency is treating health products as if they were medicines."

Mr Hanssen added that

there was a danger that restrictive practices in some EU member states would mean upper limits being introduced for content of vitamins and minerals here. Greece, for example, had recently banned products containing more than the recommended daily allowance of any vitamin or mineral.

Maxwell Noble of Britannia Health Products added that cosmetics were also affected. He cited the case of a lip salve called VyrBrit, based on an extract of melissa (lemon baim) that could help to prevent cold sores. He said the agency initially accepted the salve as a cosmetic, but after the product's launch revoked its decision and said it must be registered as a medicine. "The whole business needs sorting out," he said.



Damon Hill, the British Formula One racing driver, relaxing at the Antibes Marineland aquatic park yesterday before his next race, in the Hungarian Grand Prix at Budapest on Sunday

Lamb and **Botham** consider appeal

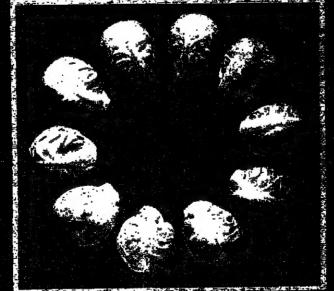
By JOANNA BALE

THE cricketers Ian Botham and Allan Lamb are "seriously considering" an appeal against their humiliating libel case defeat, their solicitor said

yesterday.
The verdict came as a great shock to them," Alan Herd of Swepstone Walsh in central London said. "They want to spend the weekend getting over it but they are seriously considering an appeal. I expect to know for sure by the beginning of next week."

The appeal must be lodged within 28 days of the verdict, which caused surprise in legal circles when it was delivered at the High Court on Wednesday. Mr Herd said that although it was a serious blow, the two men would "not find it a major problem" paying an estimated £400,000 costs for the 13-day case which they lost to the former Pakistan cricket captain Imran Khan. Because he made another allegation of libel distinct from his joint action with Lamb, Botham must pay two thirds of the bill - about £260,000.

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Birmingham will save space by switching hundreds of staff to teleworking and 'hot-desking'

Council to cut costs with stay-at-home technology

By IAN MURRAY COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S largest local authority is to ask hundreds of staff to work from home or share desks in a

drive to save £50 million a year. Birmingham City Council hopes to make the savings by cutting its 750,000 so ft of office space by 20 per cent this year and 10 per cent next year. If the experiment works. the council will be able to sell

225.000 sq ft of prime office space. A small number of volunteers will be equipped with a home office including computer, an extra telephone line and answering machine, a fax and a modern to link them

to city hall. Each set of equipment day. He recommends the change: will cost about £3,000.

Most of those who normally spend a large part of their working time out of the office will be asked to take part in a "hot-desking" scheme, where they can book times in advance to do necessary office work. This will avoid equipment and space standing idle for long

Four staff in the council's consultancy division already work from Evesham in Hereford and Worcester, set up his home office a few weeks ago, ending the need to make the one-hour drive into Birmingham and home again each

You can work at times to suit yourself."

Birmingham is the largest employer to use teleworking, although other local authorities. banks, building societies and computer firms have been issuing workers with stay-at-home technology. The council expects that within the next 18 months about 7.000 of its 39,000 staff will no longer be using normal office space. At most a few hundred will be equipped to work from home. The majority will be supplied with high-tech equipment such as electronic notepads

Mary Mallet, the council's per-

looking at ways of storing documents by image processing so that we do not need all the space currently used for records. The idea is to free the money locked up in bricks so that it can be used to provide services for the people. The idea of people stuck at home chained to a word processor in the bedroom is quite wrong. We want a highly mobile staff, well-equipped to work out of the office and not

stuck at home." According to Alan Deighton, executive director of the Teleworker Centre Association, the system increases productivity, decreases staff turnover and is the perfect

sonnel director, said: "We are also antidote to commuting difficulties. "The average Londoner spends 57 minutes travelling each way to work, the equivalent of nearly 112 working days in a five-day week." he said. "That is wasted time."

He said the system was particularly good for services where employees had to pay site visits or see customers in their own homes or offices. "Staff do not have to waste time going back to their own office to write up reports, but can download from their own home or from a local satellite telecentre. It saves time and helps the environment by not clogging up the roads." However, he said that the idea does not work if it is introduced just to save money. "There should be no coercion and there have to be regular staff meetings so they can keep in touch with what is happening. They must not be allowed to think that if they are out of sight they are out of mind."

Mark Copes, project manager for a pilot scheme being introduced by Surrey County Council next month, said the system had the long-term potential to change service delivery in local government. "Budgets are gening tighter and demand is increasing so we have got to find new ways of improving services." he said.

Surrey has spent £150,000 on the pilot project, equipping an office in support staff to help employees to send work down the line to county hall. The centre will be available for use by some staff living in the area so they do not have to travel up to an hour to work.

Forty Hertfordshire County Council trading standards inspectors have been using laptop computers to compile reports in their home for a year. The department now needs only one floor of an office block instead of two entire buildings for its records and staff. The council is also about to open a network of satellite computer offices where staff can use equipment linked to county hall.

Tourists opt for England's green and pleasant land

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

HOLIDAYMAKERS are and tourism chiefs are deterspurning the heat, sea and sand of the Mediterranean. and the Caribbean, to stay in England. The tourism industry is booming, and last year 53 million British holidaymakers spent £7 billion enjoying themselves in England.

Domestic tourism trips rose by 10 per cent last year and domestic holiday spending rose 3 per cent. The most popular destination was the West Country. The number of British visitors to London rose by 22 per cent; the number who went to Northumberland by 25 per cent. Tourism officials put the increase down to last year's summer of sunshine and to improved facilities for tourists in England.

England is well placed to capture holidaymakers tired of airport delays, standardised facilities and excessive heat, who prefer instead 'greener', more active and rewarding holidays." the chief executive of the English Tourist Board,

Tim Bartlett, said yesterday. a yea

mined to make it easier to

book an English holiday. Among the proposals being considered is for local retailers to fund high-technology equipment in tourist information centres and for travel agents to spend more time selling domestic packages to holidaymak-ers. The board's chairman, David Quarmby, said: "I am aware how frustrating it can be when you cannot find what you want, or do not know even where to start looking. My personal view is that the information revolution has so far passed the tourist industry by. There is a massive opportunity to develop information infrastructure and to make available new services on travattractions, accommoda-

tion and eating out." Mr Quarmby, presenting the tourist board's annual report in London, said that it could not pay for the introduction of the high-technology equipment but was looking at whether travel agents and

However, £3.7 billion		business	es might do so.
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Hotel celebrates 100 years of family service

The hotel's tariff card on its opening in 1896, when a seawater bedroom bath cost a shilling and there was no charge for afternoon tea

By ROBIN YOUNG

AN HOTEL that yesterday celebrated 100 years of service to visitors to East Sussex is thought to be unique in Britain in having been owned and managed by one family.

The York House Hotel in Eastbourne has had to mark its centenary establishments that could match the claim, but none came forward. It celebrated by treating guests to Vic-torian charabane rides along the seafront, and a newscast for 1896, read by the veteran radio presenter Alan Freeman with items gleaned from The

Times of 100 years ago.
The 90-room hotel, which is listed with two stars in the AA and RAC guides, started as a boarding house opened by Susanna Barratt and her 18-year-old daughter. Sarah, on August I. 1896. That year they achieved a turnover of £156 and were soon able to

buy the leases of neighbouring proper-ties. Mrs Barratt died in 1902 leaving the hotel to Sarah, who in 1904 married Douglas Williamson, from Catford, one of the young Londoners who cycled down for holidays in her hotel. It is their grandson, Matthew hotel today. By 1917 the hotel's turnover reached

£6,576. Only 8 per cent went on wages though all the water for the bedrooms had to be fetched. Visitors could also request fresh sea water to bathe in and have coal fires in their rooms. In the 1920s the hotel made

headlines when some of its residents, protesting at a shortage of changing facilities on Eastbourne beach, braved arrest by trooping across the parade already wearing swimming costumes. Sarah Williamson died in 1930 by which time she had become chairman

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of the Eastbourne Hotels' Association. The business was carried on by three of her children. In 1932 litted basins were installed in some rooms, with coke-fired boilers supplying hot water to the whole hotel. The York House was closed and damaged during the Second World War, but

was reopened in 1945 by Sarah's son. Alan. A lift was installed in 1962. Matthew Williamson, Alan's son, took over as manager in 1972 after training in Britain and Bermuda. His first step was to apply for a residential liquor licence and open a bar. A laundry came in 1975, an electric service lift in 1977, the first private

indoor swimming pool in 1983. A direct-dial telephone system to all bedrooms was introduced in 1991, and the final corridor links between the individual houses that make up the hotel were completed in 1994. The hotel's celebrations this week end

with a seafront party on Sunday. Mr Williamson said: "We are very proud and pleased at what appears to be a unique family history in hotel management. Our prices over the years also show that we have survived what I calculate to have been 2,200 per cent inflation."

Weather in July lives up to tradition

By DIANA THORP

BRITAIN was occasionally hotter than the Mediterranean, three women were struck by lightning at a Buckingham Palace garden party and Wimbledon was drenched with rain as the country enjoyed "a rypical summer's month" in July.

July 1996 was slightly warmer, sunnier and drier than average. But a spokes-man from the Meteorological Office said: "It was no record

The hottest day of the year so far was July 22 when it soared to 33C in Jersey. compared to last year's high of 35.2C recorded in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire, on August 1. The average central Eng-land temperature was 16.5C

only slightly warmer than the 30-year average of 16.1C and lower than the average last July of 18.6C. But with an average of 7.37 hours of sunshine each day.

July 1996 was not only sunnier than the average 5.96 hours, but also sunnier than 1995 when the country caught only 7.16 hours of sunshine a day in July. It was the 15th sunniest July since records began in

☐ Just when Shetlanders were thinking their cold summer could not get any worse, it snowed yesterday. Meteorologists described it as "soft hail" but Ian Anderson, a Lerwick radio presenter who saw it through his studio window at 6am, said: "It seemed like

snow to me."

Lorry kills AA man on hard shoulder

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An AA patrolman and a passenger in a stranded car were killed when a lorry crashed into them on a motorway hard shoulder. John Jones, 46, died when the Parcel Line articulated lorry veered off the northbound M40 near Gaydon, Warwick-shire, on Wednesday night, hitting his AA van and the car on which he was working. The second victim was Zhafa Ali Khan, 40, of Dudley, West Midlands. The car driver. Tariq Hamayum, 19. is seriously ill with broken ribs and legs and neck injuries. Anthony Young, 59, the lorry driver, of Reading, suffered

Bound over

Ray Kennedy, 45, the former England, Arsenal and Liverpool football player who has Parkinson's disease, was bound over by magistrates in Gateshead, Type and Wear. to keep the peace after a disturbance at the home of his former girlfriend. Audrey Broomfield, 34.

Cyanide deaths

An Asian family of five found dead in May were killed by injections of potassium cyanide. Southampton coroner's office said. Tests have shown that Mahendra Karia, 42, his wife Mayuri. 39, and their daughters would have died quickly and painlessly. An inquest will open on Tuesday.

Granny banned

A 76-year-old grandmother who stuck her tongue out at teenagers trying to stop her turning the wrong way down a dual carriageway was banned for a year. Ruby Thomsett, of Boughton Monchelsea, Kent, hit another car but drove on. She denied dangerous driving.

Row brewing

A Weish brewery has named a beer after the former commander of the Free Wales Army, Julian Cayo Evans. Thomas Watkin and Sons of Landeilo. Dyfed. said Evans would be a folk hero in years to come. Richard Lewis, a councilior, accused the brewery of honouring a terrorist.

Boiler charges

The landlord of a bedsitter in Durham where Anne Brennan. 19, died from carbon monoxide poisoning from a boiler, is to be prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive. Graham Williams and the engineer who fitted the boiler. Edgar Reed Maddison, face five charges.

Caught out

A cricket club treasurer who conned a travel agent out of almost £18,000 to try to cover up his own dishonesty has been jailed for 18 months by Maidstone Crown Court. Andrew Cooper, 35. of Guston. Kent, stole from club funds that he was holding for a planned tour of Barbados.

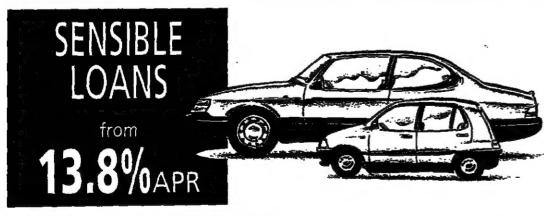
P-reg tragedy

A retired doctor was killed when his new P-registered car crashed into a lampost hours after he had collected it from a garage at Dudley. West Midlands, on the first day of the new registration. The £22,000 Saab 9000CD of Dr John Donaidson, 80, had 23 miles on the clock.

Degree honoured

A woman who was strangled five months before the end of her degree course at Hope University College. Liverpool, has graduated posthu-mously. Hilda Farrell accepted the degree on behalf of her daughter, Lesley Pilling. 36. A man has been charged with murder.

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Treasure experts bury hope of fortune

TWO treasure hunters and a farmer who believed they were worth a million pounds after finding Celtic and Roman coins and jewellery have been told the haul is worth £103,000.

Peter Beasley and Peter Murphy of Waterlooville, Hampshire, used metal detectors to unearth the haul on farmland near Petersfield in March. They agreed to share proceeds equally with the landowner, John Dalton.

The 256 coins helped historians to identify a Celtic king. Tincomarus, who ruled about 50 BC, and shed light on trade between the Romans and tribes in the south of England.

A panel of experts appointed by the Department of Nat-ional Heritage decided that the hoard's solid gold Roman bracelet was worth £1,650, a gold ring £2,350 and the coins £99,074.

Mr Beasley, 56, a bricklayer, said: "Letters from the British Museum have continually emphasised the historical value of the find. It seems to me that the committee has completely ignored this in valuing the coins and the jewellery." He and Mr Murphy had hoped the coins alone would be worth £900,000.

The committee took into account three independent valuations and the museum's estimate. Sotheby's said: "Huge numbers of coins are recovered. The laws of supply and demand dictate that the price will inevitably fall." The museum hopes to raise money to buy the hoard. ☐ A guide to Roman Britain



By SHIRLEY ENGLISH YOUNG spiny seahorses are being dispatched to 16 sites this week in preparation for an attempt to re-establish them around the coast.

The young. 3cm long, were among the first to be bred in captivity in Britain. Seahorses were thought to have died out around the coast, but last summer fisher-men off Weymouth found seven in their nets. They bred in June at the resort's Sea Life Centre and some of the offspring are being sent to other centres ready for release next year.

Mark Oakley, of Sea Life Centres, said divers had been asked to search for more wild colonies. They will be the ideal places to release our starts in The Times tomorrow.

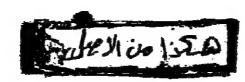
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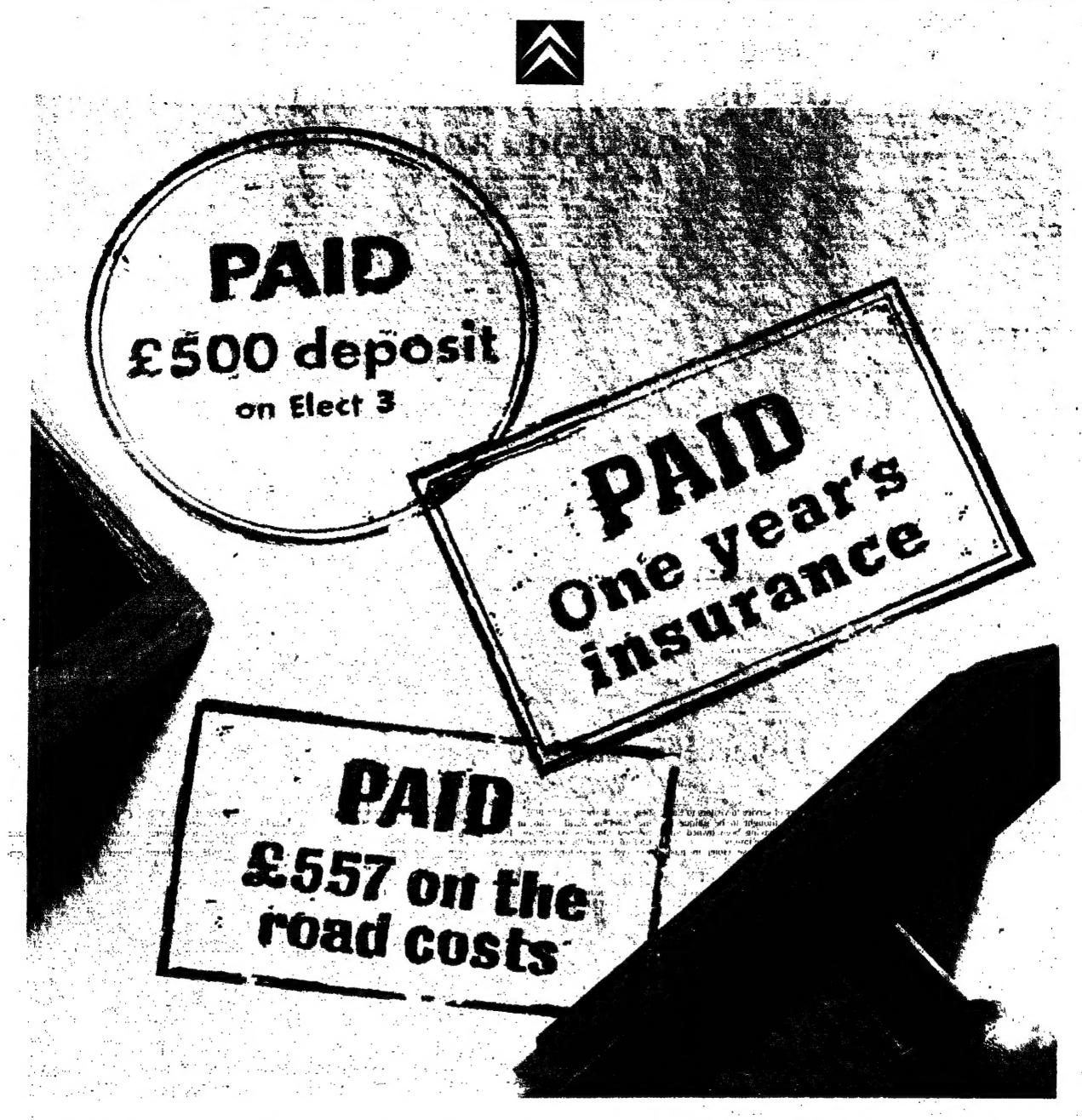
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Labour retains clear lead, MORI poll shows

Tories regain lost ground on crime and the economy

By PETER RIDDELL

THE Tories have recovered to move ahead of Labour as the party having the best policies on law and order and managing the economy, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times. Labour. however, still has a clear lead on eight of the top ten issues land ten of the top 14) that people believe will be very important to them in voting at the general election.

In order of importance. Labour is rated as best on healthcare, education, unemployment, pensions, taxation. environment, Europe. housing, public transport and trade unions. The Tories now lead on law and order (ranked

fourth), managing the economic and law and order. This ties in seem to be firmer in their my (sixth). Northern Ireland with the gradual improve-confidence in their party's (eleventh), and defence (thir-

Labour had been ahead on managing the economy since the last general election and ahead on law and order since May 1994, reversing long peri-ods of traditional Tory dominance on these issues. The Tories have improved their position on all 14 of the issues except Northern Ireland where the party has probably suffered from the handling of the Orange Order marches last month.

The biggest improvements for the Tories over the past year have occurred in taxation, managing the economy

with the gradual improvement in economic optimism. Tory strategists will be pleased that above-average shifts have occurred on these issues among the very group they are appealing to now those who have switched away from the party since the 1992

party loyalists. Europe has moved only from tenth most important issue to ninth. It is regarded as "very important" by 19 per cent of the public compared

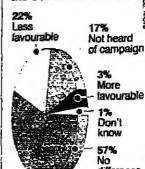
election. Nonetheless, the To-

confidence in their party's policies than do Tory supporters. Whereas Tory loyalists mention their party as having the best policies on an average of 7.4 issues, the score is 8.2 for Labour loyalists and is as much as 6.5 among supporters new to Labour since the 1992

It is also revealing that ries are still very weak on the while readers of The Daily Telegraph rate the Tories as main economic issues among this group compared with best on twice as many policies as Labour, readers of the Daily Mail and The Times rate the two main parties best on an equal number of isssues. adults at 149 ward sampling points between July 23 and 28.

"NEW LABOUR, **NEW DANGER"**

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'Danger' ads fail

THE Tories' "New Labour. New Danger advertising campaign, with its dramatic black-and-red posters show-ing sinister eyes looking out from behind a curtain, has so far backfired, according to the MORI poll (Peter Riddell

A mere 4 per cent say the campaign has made them less favourable towards Labour. while II per cent say it has made them more favourable. The £5 million campaign might have damaged the Tories: 22 per cent say it has made them less favourable towards the party, with a mere 3 per cent claiming it had

made them more favourable. The posters have even failed to affect the Tories' main target group of switch voters: 22 per cent of new supporters of Labour say it has made them more favourable to Labour.

healthcare. Labour supporters Hostility to Major abates, but it may be too late to save his party

THE Tories are beginning to claw back some ground in the opinion polls, but their recovery is still slow and patchy. The positive news for the party is that, leaving aside monthly fluctuations, its underlying rating is improving slowly. Optimism about the economy is rising and the public are becoming less hostile to the Government and to John Major personally over their

performance in office. The MORI economic optimism index, which gauges how many think that the general economic

condition will improve against those

stands at minus nine points. The average index for April to July is half the deficit of the previous four

Moreover, the Tories have made some headway in winning back support on key issues such as the economy, taxation, and law and order: particularly among those who have deserted the party since 1992. If consumer confidence and spending continue to grow, there could be further benefits for the

Mr Major himself also retains a

RIDDELL ON POLITICS personal appeal, among some Liberal Democrats and new Labour

Nonetheless, Labour remains in a commanding position - in sustaining its overall lead and on most of the key issues that worry voters. such as healthcare, education and

unemployment.

The Tory recovery, such as it is, is smaller and later than Labour strategists feared. And there is evidence that new Labour supporters are affirming their commitment to the party.

There are a few reasons for Labour to reflect. The party has not fully got rid of its "tax and spend" image, nor really convinced people about how it could make a positive difference in office, despite the luanch of its mini-manifesto.

Mr Blair remains the party's main asset, so Labour strategists are puzzling over the sharp fall last month in his personal approval

rating (those satisfied minus those dissatisfied with his performance) to the lowest level of his two-year leadership. This may be explained in part by the publicity over the Shadow Cabinet elections and the "demotion" of Clare Short. Mr Blair's advisers believe that assertions of strong leadership by him have helped the party, but on this occasion that may have been offset

by the impression of divisions. It could be a temporary decline. but the other parties believe that Labour is vulnerable to charges of being arrogant and taking voters for

rating was far larger among supporters of Labour since 1992 (from plus of to plus 41 points) than among long-term Labour loyalists (from plus 58 to plus 47). These shifts are small compared with the seismic change in attitudes triggered by Black Wednesday, the battles over the Maastricht treaty

decline in Mr Blair's personal

and the tax rises of the first half of the Parliament. The Tories now have an unprecedented 53 point gap to close: before those troubles the gap was 29 points.

> **Home Office hits** back at claim by firearms lobby

> > By RICHARD FORD AND ALICE THOMSON

THE Home Office last night rejected the gun lobby's attempt to undermine the argument linking the availability of firearms to violent

Officials published a strong defence of the Home Office's evidence to Lord Cullen's inquiry into the Dunblane massacre, emphasising strong links between the ownership of guns and gun-related homicide. The paper was released after the gun lobby had told

ment figures were unreliable. Yesterday the Home Office said supporters of the gun lobby had failed to challenge evidence indicating a relationship between gun ownership and gun homicide. They also said that the lobby had not undernship increased overall

homicide rates. In an additional submission

Police chief fines careless marksmen

FIVE police firearms experts whose Smith and Wesson revolvers fell out of a van were each fined £400 by their chief constable vesterday.

They were returning to Nottinghamshire police headquarters after a shooting practice last August when a holdall containing the guns tumbled through a side door left open to keep the officers

They were picked up by two men in a following ear who sold them to a convicted drug dealer. He planned to sell them to criminal contacts but lost his nerve and dumped them in a ditch. Four men were later jailed for plotting to sell the guns.

links between gun ownership and the incidence of violent crime. It had been asked to produce the document after the gun lobby claimed it had submitted evidence which "destroyed" research findings linking gun ownership with high levels of gun homicide. The Home Office document also said that it was significant "that no serious challenge was made of the similar correlaand gun-related suicides, or of the fact that extremely marked differences in gun-related crime in the US compared to England and Wales are not echoed in offences in which guns are not involved".

to Lord Cullen's inquiry. the Home Office emphasises the

The Home Office emphasised that the document did not constitute government policy, and did not prejudge the response the Government would eventually make to the Cullen report. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has indicated that he will bring forward a Bill for new gun controls should Lord Cullen make proposals in his report

that require legislation. Donald Dewar, Labour's Chief Whip, said yesterday that Labour MPs would vote with the Government if John Major faced down his backbenchers and legislated to ban handguns. Mr Dewar said that the Prime Minister should not wait until Lord Cullen's report is published this autumn but end the confusion over where the Government stood.

He said that the Government would then face a backlash from at least a dozen of its own backbenchers, as well as the six Conservative MPs on the Home Affairs Select Committee who have already stated that they would be opposed to such a Bill.

Britain launches fast-reaction force

By Michael Evans, Defence correspondent

A RAPID deployment force to a permanent staff. They are react to a range of crises worldwide was officially launched yesterday. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, said that some of the joint Services' force of up to 10,000 troops would be on 24-hour notice and others on five-days"

The core of the Joint Rapid Deployment Force is provided by units of 3 Commando Brigade and 5 Airborne Brigade, with other elements of the Army, RAF and Royal Navy assigned to provide ad-ditional combat power, including an aircraft carrier, Tornado squadrons and submarines.

This is the first time that the Ministry of Defence has formed a triservice rapidly deployable force, backed up by

preparing for such emergencies as evacuating British citizens from foreign conflicts or acting as the bridgehead in war zones for follow-on troops and armour.

Brigadier Jonathan Thomson, a former commander of the Royal Marines' Special Boat Service, has been ap-pointed the force's first chief. He operates from a new permanent joint headquarters at Northwood that cost E7 million to set up and will cost El6 million a year to run.

Although the force of up to reinforced brigade strength will not be equipped with tanks or heavy artillery. Mr Portillo said that the intention was to provide the framework for a larger and heavier force if required.





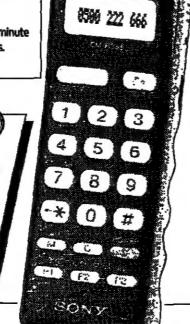
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Iraq loses flag-bearer as weightlifter defects

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IRAQ'S flag-bearer at the Atlanta Olympics, after dra-matically defecting, yesterday described his homeland as a "concentration camp" and ac-cused General Ali Hassan al-Majid, a cousin of President Saddam Hussein, of atroc-

Raed Ahmed, a member of Iraq's weightlifting squad, eluded his team manager and colleagues at the Olympic village. After breakfast on Wednesday, he left the dining room on the pretext of needing to check something on a computer. Instead, he ran to his room, stuffed some belongings in a bag and fled the athletes village.

Yesterday, accompanied by a lawyer and an interpreter. he was interviewed by immigration officials after requesting asylum. He will be given an answer in a few days.

Mr Ahmed, 29, has a wife in Basra, the southern Iraq city. He was confident that she was safe after her removal to an undisclosed address by opponents of Saddam. However.



other members of his family are still in Basra, and he said that he was "frightened" about

their future. "I love my country," said Mr Ahmed at a news conference. He said he was still proud that he had carried the Iraqi flag at the opening ceremony of the Games. "I just don't like the regime," he said.

Looking composed, he said his defection was a statement against the oppression of Saddam. Before coming to Atlanta with the five-strong

country's politics with journal-ists or to mention the name of Saddam. He said he had trained for the Olympics to have the opportunity to defect "but also to win medals". He added: "When carrying my country's flag I was think-

ing that I would like to see the flag represent my people, not Saddam Hussein and his war against the United States. The situation in Iraq now is terrible. There is a lack of food and drinking water."

He claimed that during the Gulf War he saw Iraqi officials planting explosives in towns in order to falsify US bombing of civilian targets.

He claimed also to have seen General al-Major, the

Governor of Kuwait during the Iraqi occupation, killing people after an unsuccessful assassination attempt. In March 1991, he said, "I witnessed al-Majid putting people up against a wall and executing them. I imagine that if he hears I have said this he will hurt my family."

Mr Ahmed said that President Clinton helped to inspire

opening ceremony of the Games, he said, "we were told by Iraqi officials to turn our heads away from Mr Clinton, We were told that he wanted to destroy Iraq. Everybody else in our group looked away from President Chinton. They were not men. But I turned my head and looked at him and I could not believe my eyes. He was standing and applauding for us. I know that, if the Games were in Iraq, Saddam would not clap for the US."

Mr Ahmed's defection was co-ordinated by the London-based Iraqi National Con-gress, a dissident group which hopes to overthrow Saddam. Mr Ahmed said that he had been thinking about defecting for some time. He had received "bad medical care" in Iraq for his sporting injuries and was struck by the amiability of Western weightlifters and coaches at the Games. He is the first non-Cuban athlete to defect at the Atlanta

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Raed Ahmed carrying the Iraqi flag into the Olympic stadium

Taipei farmer presses claim to Games song

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN TAIPER

A TAIWANESE tribesman was delighted to A TAIWANESE tribesman was defigured to learn that his singing was used to promote the Olympics. Now he just wants to get paid fue it. Kno Ying-nan, 76, and his wife, Hauren, sang the soaring harmonies in Enigura's Return to Innocence, which was used in advertising the Atlanta Games. Mr Kno, who said he had not been paid for the song, said: "We saw the advertisement on television and were really harmy, but then I was ead when I were really happy, but then I was sad when I realised I hadn't got any credit and nobody knew that it was a Taiwanese person singing.

Mr Kuo, a farmer, said he only learnt of

Enigma's song when a friend heard it on the radio and recognised his voice. With the help of a record company that is producing some of their songs, the Kuos are pressing the parties involved to prove that they obtained the comple's permission to use the song — which

they say they never gave — or pay damages.

The Knos, who are members of the Amis tribe and speak only Amis dialect, were recorded in 1988 singing a tribal hymn. Baleba, during a tour of Europe. France's Maison des Cultures du Monde, which cosponsored the tour, sold the rights to Michael Cretu, a Romanian-German producer who records as Enigma.

Atlanta: Two table tennis spectators were arrested for fighting after police tried to remove one of them for waving a banned Taiwan flag. Flags, other than those of competing countries, are prohibited from the stands and, to placate China, Taiwan participates under a special banner. (AP)

Detectives search rural cabin of Atlanta suspect

FROM REUTER IN ATLANTA

INVESTIGATORS yesterday sifted through material seized from the flat and rural cabin of an Olympic security guard, but the FBI said no charges were imminent over the Cen-

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tennial Park bombing. Louis Freeh, the FBI director, told a congressional hearing in Washington: "Nobody is about to be charged with a crime." He added that investigators had "a number of good leads and a number of suspects they are looking at.. An FBI spokesman in Atlanta said that Richard Jewell, the security guard earlier hailed as a hero in Saturday's blast,

was still considered a suspect. Mr Freeh said the FBI had found no evidence of an inter national terrorist or "sophisticated group threatening the peculation that the crude pipe bomb attack could have been carried out by an individual or a domestic extremist militia ganisation.

Federal agents and forensic teams scoured Jewell's Atlanta flat all day on Wednesday. They also searched a cabin in northeast Georgia where Mr Jewell lived until last May.

Mr Jewell remained inside his flat yesterday with a large number of journalists and squad car outside. Police said the journalists would be moved away because of com-Watson Bryant, Mr Jewell's

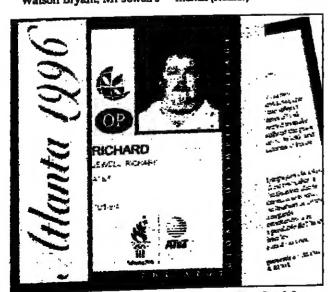
lawyer, strongly criticised the conduct of the FBI investigation. "It is unforgiveable . . . it shouldn't be done under these circumstances . . . what we do Government leaking it to the media," Mr Bryant said.

He said Mr Jewell was going through hell and added: "He is holding up as well as can be expected."

Federal agents took several boxes of material away from the flat that Mr Jewell shares with his mother in a workingclass suburb. They also inspected the area with a bomb sniffing dog and for a while evacuated local residents. A spokeswoman said the materiday with some sent to an FBI

viewed by television stations and newspapers after the blast in which two people died and IIO were injured. He alerted policë to a knapsack containing the bomb but it exploded, evacuate the packed rock-

☐ Albany, Georgia: Police said that Walton Burdon, who the house of Alice Hawthorns. who was killed by the Olympic bomb, when her husband was making funeral arrange



Suspect Richard Jewell's security guard credentials





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UNITED AIRLINES

Sweeping benefit reforms bring fears of hardship for America's neediest and youngest citizens

Redwood cheers as US rolls back 60 years of welfare

FROM TOM RHODES AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

JOHN REDWOOD last night endorsed an American welfare reform Bill that reverses the New Deal philosophy of Franklin Roosevelt and eliminates more than six decades of guaranteed federal govern-ment assistance to millions in the United States.

One of the strongest proponents of welfare reform in Britain, Mr Redwood said in Washington that Whitehall was proceeding along a different path but that the goals were similar in both countries.

"I congratulate your Republican Congress and your President on the welfare Bill." said Mr Redwood. "Welfare is one of those problems that affects all the great industrialised nations of the world. We have outgrown the welfare of the immediate postwar period and it is right that administrators and politicians are changing their welfare system for the 21st century."

Mr Redwood, who resigned from the Cabinet last year to challenge John Major for the party leadership, is aiming to enhance his reputation as a Tory leader-in-waiting during his visit to the United States. His proposals for welfare reform would not follow the present American example of cutting entitlements, he said, but would concentrate on future incentives to ensure workforce and to encourage greater family responsibility in raising children.

Nevertheless, there is little

model will resonate in Britain, just as Roosevelt's New Deal became an inspiration for the British welfare state.

It is now more than 60 years since Roosevelt rescued America from its era of deepest gloom, whose haunting images of dole queues and soup kitchens were forever captured in Buddy, Can You Spare A Dime? - the song which became a symbol of the

That guarantee of "some measure of protection to the

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BILL

D Ends guarantee of federal cash assistance for poor children. States will receive block grants to run their own welfare programmes. Reduces spending by \$55 billion over six years, main-ly by cutting food stamps and aid to legal immigrants. Food stamps limited to three months in any three

☐ Imposes five-year life-time limit on welfare. States can exempt up to a fifth of caseloads for hardship. Requires recipients to begin working within two years of going on welfare. ☐ Sets tough rules to crack down on parents who do not pay child support. Forces teenage mothers to stay at school and live with an adult to get benefits.

question that the American average citizen", that poor children and their families would be entitled to benefits, grew into a welfare debacle that now embraces 12 million people, massive fraud and a catalogue of malfeasance.

In a fundamental shift in

philosophy, the American welfare gravy train was brought to an effective terminus this week with the new Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act that President Clinton has agreed to sign. The Bill ends the 61-year-old federal guarantee of assistance for poor children, passing the responsibility to the states which will receive grants to operate their own welfare programmes. There will be a five-year lifetime limit on welfare benefits, re-cipients will have to go on workfare, food stamps will be cut and legal immigrants barred from most benefits. The Bill will reduce projected spending by \$55 billion (£35.4

The ideas of the New Deal gave the federal government a role in the lives of every American individual as never before. It provided jobs, wel-fare and a control on the economy. In the 1960s, Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" legislation crafted an even stronger safety net with the introduction of Medicare.

it was not until Ronald Reagan ran for the White House that the notion of curbing government largesse was raised. He claimed that



Henry Fonda in The Grapes of Wrath, Steinbeck's story of life and hard times in the Depression. Roosevelt's New Deal rescued America from that era, and later inspired the British welfare system

welfare queens" were arriving to collect benefit cheques in limousines and fur coats. These characters were never

In 1992. Bill Clinton made perhaps his most popular campaign promise to end welfare as we know it". For three years he has struggled to achieve that goal without either destroying his ideological base or creating a schism between moderates and liberals in the Democratic Party.

Republicans have known since they captured control of Congress two years ago that they had the President in a

veto two previous welfare reform Bills that he felt went too far in undermining core liberal values. With the election less than 100 days away. however, both sides needed a Bill to offer the electorate.

Mr Clinton and Congress can now claim separate victories while liberal Democrats and, ironically, Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, are seen as the losers. Mr Dole, no longer in the Senate, was reduced to claiming authorship of the legislation and scoffed at Mr Clinton's "election-year conversion",

The legislation propels enormous responsibility to the

50 states, many of which have already tested parts of the programme. Wisconsin is now saving \$12 million a month and has reduced its welfare case-load by 40 per cent through workfare.

Recipients are required, as a condition of receiving benefits. to spend seven hours a day searching for a job. Although many have trouble finding anything that will lift them above the poverty level, successful applicants only have praise for the scheme.

No-one now knows what hardships the legislation may impose on America's needlest and youngest citizens, nor how

it will affect such backward states as Mississippi where Third World conditions of poverty exist. The New York Times, in an editorial, described it as a "sad day for poor children" and predicted that the effect on cities with large immigrant populations

would be devastating. "It is not humane to remove a federal guarantee of welfare aid and create the leeway for additional punitive cuts at the state level. it said. "A Bill that creates child poverty is not an acceptable way to end welfare as we know it."

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The buck stops at California county

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FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE prospect of federal welfare reform has been greeted with dismay in America's most populous county, amid warnings of municipal bankrupicy.

Less than a year after its worst financial crisis. Los Angeles County now faces the task of providing a financial safety net for one in five of America's legal immigrants.

"It's devastating to the county." Gloria Molina, a supervisor and staunch ally of President Clinton, said of the welfare Bill which could deprive 400.000 constituents of federal aid. "This is probably going to bankrupt us."
In an editorial headed

"Welfare Reform at California's Expense", the Los Angeles Times wrote: "Expect lines of elderly, blind or disabled immigrants at relief agencies, for they will no longer be eligible for federal benefits."

An estimated 93,000 immigrants in Los Angeles County will lose federal income support worth \$236 million (£152 million) a year, officials say. The new Bill will also leave state bodies to decide whether about 200,000 legal immigrant families - many of them Russians and Eastern Europeans with scant grasp of English or capitalism - are entitled to food stamps, child

support and healthcare. California as a whole will forgo \$10 billion it had been expecting from the federal Government over the next six years. Half of that had been earmarked for Los Angeles County, officials say.

Township protesters set fire to train

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

A TRAIN was set alight yesterday in Tembisa. 20 miles northeast of Johannesburg, as continue their protest after the deaths of 15 people in a station

With tension still running high after clashes between police and youths the previous day, firefighters were called day to extinguish a blaze on a commuter train. No one was injured. The township stations were almost deserted as residents heeded a call to boycott Metro Rail trains in protest at the tragedy.

Residents have pledged to conduct an arson campaign to protest at the appalling transport conditions in the township and the heavy-handed use of force by security guards at the main commuter station.

The guards have been accused of provoking a stampede by firing shots and using electric Rail yesterday withdrew its security personnel for fear of aggravating the situation after youths had threatened to

News of simmering unrest in Tembisa coincided with calls for a clampdown on the use of electric batons. Amnesty International South Africa said yesterday that it had previously called for a ban on the use of "electric shock weapons" until regulations governing their manufacture, sale and use were in place and called on the Government to take urgent action.

Witnesses to Wednesday's tragedy claimed that security guards had inflicted injuries

on commuters by pressing batons on bare flesh, including faces. At least one of those critically injured suffered shock burns and heart problems as a result of the batons' use. According to medical staff at a township hospital, more than 50 people were injured in the stampede.

The South African-manufactured shock baton is powered by a battery in its handle and a three- to eightsecond burst is capable of knocking an adult man to the ground. Electronic stun guns were banned in Britain in 1988. According to regulations in South Africa, the peak volume recommended is 10.000 volts, but manufacturers admit that their shock batons emit impulses of up to

50.000 volts.

Amnesty said the Government was wrong not to classify the devices as weapons and called for regulation in the export of electric shock

"Many of these weapons are dangerous and in some cases deadly," the group said. "Various South African companies have claimed to export these China and Egypt, which are notorious for systematic and widespread torture."

☐ Durban: The trial of Magnus Malan, the apartheid era Defence Minister, and 16 others resumed here yesterday with the accused continuing to challenge claims of covern paramilitary activities. All the accused deny charges of murder and conspiracy to commit murder. (AFP)

WORLD SUMMARY

Crash jet baggage blamed

New York: Thirteen more bodies were found yesterday Long Island as investigators continued to seek the cause of the crash of TWA Flight 800 (James Bone writes). With 184 of the 230 victims'

bodies now recovered, investigators said that the plane's forward cargo hold, where a bomb is thought to have exploded, contained passenger bags rather than commer-cial freight. That suggests that a bomb could have been carried by an unwitting passenger, a suicide bomber, or

a baggage-handler. Louis Freeh, the FBI director, said there was still no "credible" evidence of a crime to justify his agency taking over the investigation.

US defence pact with Mongolia

Washington: Mongolia has signed a defence co-operation agreement with America as part of its bid to expand ties with the West and Japan (lan Brodie writes). Under the agreement, the two sides will have exchanges of military officers, with Mongolians being trained at US military academies. The US will donate computers for Mongolian military schools and will provide emergency aid during natural disasters in Mongolia.

Tamil Tigers to be banned

Colombo: The Sri Lankan Government will ban the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam this week, a Defence Ministry source said (Vijitha Yapa writes). "Despite breaching the ceasefire of 1995, the Government ... left the doors open hoping they would come for talks," the source said. The Tigers' struggle to create a separate state for the island's minority Tamils has cost more than 50,000 lives.

Tudiman faces pressure in US

President Tudjman of Croatia is expected to come under fierce pressure, when he meets President Clinton in Washington today, to do more to influence hardline Croats in Bosnia who are undermining the Dayton peace process (Eve-Ann Prentice writes). Mr Tudjman will also be pressed to use his influence to end a Croat boycott of the newly

Workings of Israel's secret service exposed

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

Mossad, Israel's secret intelliways prided itself on weaving a cloak of impenetrable secrecy around its covert operans, has been disclosed by a British specialist journal.

The details of Mossad's "family tree" appear in Jane's Sentinel journal, which has published a special edition on the eastern Mediterranean. The Israeli defence establishment has already reacted with concern over revelations in the same publication about the Israeli Air Force, including the location of all its air bases.

The detailed focus on the air force and intelligence services is due to be published in Sentinel next week. Apart from studying the internal workings of Mossad, which is estimated to employ about 1,200 people, the journal looks at the rest of the Israeli intelligence community, including Shin Bet. the counter-

espionage agency and internal

security service. Mossad, the Central Institute for Intelligence and Special Missions, is the equivalent of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, or Mib. Israeli newspapers and broadcasting services are prohibited from

writing about Mossad. According to the journal, Mossad's largest operational branch is the Collections Department, responsible for intelligence-gathering opera-tions abroad. The Collections Department is split into sections and includes separate 'desks" covering different regions. Branch A is said to cover Spain, Egypt, Cyprus and Algeria. Branch C is reported to cover the Mossad

Mossad has a clandestine operations command, known within the Israeli secret service as Metsada, which runs small units of combatants who carry out actions abroad against those considered to be a threat to Israeli security". The journal says: "These missions have included assassinations and sabotage."

The Metsada unit is said to be answerable directly to the head of Mossad, who was recently named by the Israeli Government as Major-General Danny Yatom, 51. General Yatom, said to be nicknamed "The Prussian", replaced Shabtai Shavit who resigned

Death protest in West Bank

Nablus, West Bank: Palestinians burnt tyres, threw stones and wrecked a petrol station yesterday in protest against the death of a detainee. severely beaten and burned

by Palestinian interrogators. As Mahmoud Jemayel's body was escorted to the city cemetery, women hurled bottles at police, and protesters demolished pumps at a petrol station belonging to the mayor, Ghassan Shakaa, believed by many to be behind the killing. Mr Shakaa, a confident of Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, denied involvement. (AP)

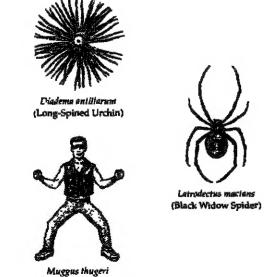
earlier this year after nearly seven years as Mossad's head Other Mossad branches are listed as the Political Action The journal also says that and Liaison Department which deals with friendly foreign intelligence services, in cluding the American CIA and

Britain's M16, and a special section called LAP (Lohamah Psichlogit) which covers psychological warfare. The journal says that one of

the most important of the support departments is the Research Department, which has 15 separate desks, including ones for the United States. Canada, Western Europe, the former Soviet Union, Libya. Syria and Iran. It says there is also a nuclear desk which specialises solely in nuclear developments around the world, Israel is known to be keeping a close watch on Iran's nuclear ambitions; Iran is said to be ten to 15 years away from a nuclear bomb.

Sentinel says Mossad's Research Department produces short daily reports and longer weekly summaries on all areas of interest.

Shin Bet, the internal service, is reported to have three operational departments and five support departments. The operational sections are listed as the Arab Affairs Department, which monitors suspected Arab subversives; the Non-Arab Affairs Department. which is involved in "the penetration of foreign intelli-gence services and diplomatic missions" in Israel: and the Protective Security Department, responsible for protecting national representatives



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Fugitive US financier goes on trial in Cuba

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

ON THE run for 25 years, one fugitives went on trial yesterday - in Cuba. After one apparent scam too many, Robert Vesco was arrested last year in Havana and faces 20 years in jail for "illicit econom-

ic activity". The son of a Detroit car mechanic, the financier, 60, is wanted in the US for allegedly stealing more than \$200 million (£132 million) from investors. He fled in 1971, buying protection wherever he went. Ten years later, after run-

refuge on medical grounds. engaged in several subsequent criminal escapades, amassing further US charges, including drug running and smuggling in breach of the US trade embargo against Cuba. Last year he was arrested by

Cuban authorities, with his business partner Donald Nixon, nephew of the former US President, and accused of spying for "special foreign services". He is now formally charged with acts "prejudicial to the economic plans of the ning out of money and friends, country" for his role in a he vanished again. When he reappeared in 1985, he was in Cuba, which granted him project to develop a drug for cancer and arthritis behind the back of his Cuban hosts.

Maid given big Manila welcome

FROM ABBY TAN

SARAH BALABANGAN, a teenage Filipina maid spared from a death sentence in the United Arab Emirates, returned home as a celebrity vesterday.

Miss Balabangan, 17, who had been lionised by the Philippine press as a symbol of the ordeal suffered by more than four million Philippines workers abroad, was met at Manila airport by a senior Foreign Ministry official, who shepherded her into a packed press conference.

The girl had spent two

years in jail in the UAE and received 100 lashes for killing

her elderly Arab employer

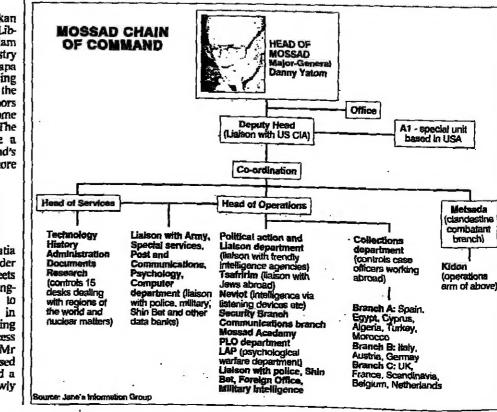
after he had allegedly tried to



Balabangan at a press conference yesterday

rape her. An Islamic court condemned her to death last Scotember.

She admitted that she had repeatedly stabbed her employer after he had raped her. However, Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan al-Nahayan, the President of the UAE. later commuted the sentence.





Italian court frees Priebke over SS Rome massacre

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

AN ITALIAN military court yesterday convicted Erich Priebke, a former SS captain. of taking part in the massacre of 335 civilians in Nazi-occupied Rome, but ordered his immediate release because of extenuating circumstances.

Priebke, 83, was accused of mass murder aggravated by premeditation and cruelty in the killings on March 24, 1944. The prosecution had sought life imprisonment. Among those shot at the Ardeatine Caves on the outskirts of Rome were 75 Jews and a 14year-old boy.

In a two-to-one ruling, the three-judge panel recognised Priebke's responsibility in the massacre but accepted the defence argument that, because he was acting under orders, he could not have disobeved without risking

His present age, good be-haviour in prison and "minimal role" in the crime were also taken into account, judicial sources said. Under Italian law, the crime was covered by a statute of limitation,



showed no emotion as the verdict was read to a hushed courtroom by Judge Agostino

This is a victory for Italian justice that leaves me moved." said Velio Di Rezze, the defence lawyer. "What counts is the truth, and the truth is that Priebke was not responsible." He said that Priebke had reacted to the verdict with "a great feeling of gratitude tomeaning that he had to be wards Italian justice". The released. Priebke, dressed in a decision provoked an uproar

Germans tried to silence me, says Holocaust author

FROM MICHAEL KALLENBACH IN BONN

THE American historian They react with a fury that book on the Holocaust has angered Germans, yesterday replied to his critics, saying they wanted to silence him because he had broken a longstanding taboo.

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Dr Goldhagen, whose book Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust, appears in German next week, said his arguments had been deliberately distorted in an attempt to dissuade the German pub-

lie from reading it. The book has caused an uproar in Germany, where critics have claimed that during the Hitler era the country was neither more nor less anti-Semitic than most other European countries. Dr Goldhagen maintains that ordinary Germans were not only anti-Semitic but participated willingly in killing Jews.

Given six pages by Die Zeit, the influential weekly, to put his case, Dr Goldhagen wrote yesterday: "This chorus of critics ... treats my book as a pernicious tract that belongs on an index of banned books.

recalls people who want to shut someone up because he dares to touch on a longstanding taboo." Among the 16 critics he

named are Rudolf Augstein. publisher of Der Spiegel, Frank Schirrmacher, publisher of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Hans Mommsen, a leading German historian, and Jorg von Uthmann, a former German diplomat in Israel, who is

Die Zeit commented: "The vehemence of the reaction matches the stridency of the provocation.

Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, also recently became embroiled in the controversy. He said guilt was neither collective nor inherited: However, he said he would wait until the German edition was published before commenting further.

Dr Goldhagen, whose father was a Holocaust survivor, said that he would take part in several public debates with leading German historians next month.

among relatives of the victims and "Shame, shame".

Priebke: acting under orders, said defence

tweed suit and pink shirt,

and concentration camp survivors gathered in a room adjoining the courtroom, who chanted "Fascists". Priebke now faces an appeal

by the victims' lawyers, and in Germany a magistrate for the Dortmund prosecutor's office said that Bonn would seek his extradition to try him for the issacre again.

Earlier, victims relatives had shouted "Assassin, executioner, you must die", when the court retired to consider its

Tullia Zevi, the head of the Italian Jewish community, had urged the court to convict Priebke but said he should be placed under house arrest "as a humanitarian gesture" that would bolster Italy's image abroad.

During the three-month trial, the defence argued that the massacre was a legitimate reprisal for the killing a day earlier of 33 German soldiers in Rome's Via Rasella by Italian Resistance fighters, and that Priebke had acted under orders he could not disobey. The killing of ten Italians for every German was ordered by SS Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Kappler, but five additional people were shot in the caves.

"You have to put yourself in the Nazi frame of mind in which that reprisal was legitimate." Signor Di Rezze had

argued.
The prosecution contended that Priebke could have disobeyed orders as some others without repercussion. This was a vendetta, a blood feud typical of the Nazi regime with its mythology of blood, race and nation," said Judge Antonino Intelisano in his closing speech. "There was no military code in this action: everything was done in a hurry, in secret, and had to be

Priebke admitted shooting two people and marking off the names of others as they were led to be killed. The Nazis later biew up the caves to try to hide the deed.

Much of the prosecution case rested on evidence by SS Major Karl Hass, who testified that, when Priebke discovered that five extra people were on the death list he. with the complicity of Kappler, killed them, to leave no civilian witness to the carnage. Priebke was arrested in

Argentina in May last year and extradited to Italy in November after an American television interview in which he admitted his role in the massacre. He had lived for decades in an Andean resort town, running a delicatessen.



'Political toothache' halts case in Jakarta

By Christopher Thomas

A JUDGES apparent tooth-ache saved the Indonesian Government yesterday from having to defend itself in court against allegations that it conspired to remove the country's

head of her party. Riot police and troops scattered hundreds of supporters of Megawati Sukarnoputri outside the Central Jakarta District Court, where she was taking the extraordinary step of suing a government that controls almost all aspects of political life and holds sway over some aspects of the judiciary.

Three judges were to have heard the case: one of them did not turn up, however, claiming to be in pain with his tooth. Opposition leaders called it a political toothache. A few days earlier, the judge had been well enough to hear a triple murder case. The case was adjourned until August 22

Miss Megawati was voted out of the leadership of her Indonesian Democratic Party, which she has led since 1993, after a pro-government faction opposed her. Few people doubt there was official in-volvement in the outcome. Her party is one of only three that are officially recognised.

The interference has backfired: Miss Megawati is now the undisputed leader of the campaign for democracy, having been seen to force the Government into securing her removal as an official party leader. She remains a member of parliament and said yesterday: "I will carry on doing

Woman strikes fear in Indonesia's rulers

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN JAKARTA

SMALL, plump, softly spoken and diffident — Megawati Sukarnoputri seems an unlikely challenger to Indonesia's strictly ordered political system. But she has rattled the Government as nobody else, with an intensifying campaign to replace President Suharto. which could mean more violence and an end to 30 years of stability and security.

Miss Megawati, 49, married three times and mother of two sons and a daughter, remembers living in the presidential palace as a child. What she does not remember, she said yesterday in an interview with The Times, is the massive bloodshed before her father, President Sukarno, was ousted. "When my father was thrown out of the presidency, many died. I was only a young girl and I did not know about this until later."

She lives with her husband, Taufiq Kiemas, a member of



Megawati: backed by the educated young

the House of Representatives. in a large white house in the southern suburbs of Jakarta. Since the rioting outside the headquarters of her Indonesian Democratic Party last weekend, she has not left

me go out. They say it is not safe for me. The situation is

As the daughter of the country's charismatic founding President, she is a natural symbol for change. She appeals mostly to the educated young who are the driving force for reform of a system that ensures perpetual rule for those in power. "We want equal rights with the rest of the free nations of the world." she said. "The new generation want the right to speak and write freely. They want to be able to express their hopes and opinions openly."

Indonesia was not democratic, she said; there was high-level corruption. There were labour problems, land problems, a worsening richpoor divide, all of which had to be tackled democratically. She said change had usually come about in Indonesia violently the old kingdoms always ended in bloodshed - but she hoped to lead a peaceful

chaos was possible: the transition had begun and could not be stopped. Her campaign would continue.

She said the constitution provided a "good mechanism" or electing a President, but had not been used. In 50 years of independence there had been only two Presidents her late father and President Suharto - and the people were demanding the right to a democratically elected leader She acknowledged that under President Suharto the

country had prospered economically and there had been peace and stability. But it was time to move on. There was a danger of violence if President Suharto died, because there was no experience in democratically choosing a new President. She said: "The older generation refuse to see what

going on."
She became the acknowledged leader of the pro-demo-cracy movement in June after a government-backed faction in her party deposed her and installed a new chairman - a move that confirmed intense official fear of her influence, which in turn projected her as a force to be reckoned with. She is probably the only person seriously able to challenge President Suharto, 75, who is likely to run for a seventh term in 1998 if his health holds out. He would be certain to win under the present system.

A crowd of about 10,000 rallied outside Miss Megawati's party headquarters last weekend. The gathering turned into a riot after heimeted police broke into the office and sealed it. Would-be rioters have been told they will be shot on sight. Miss Megawati, elected par-

ty leader in 1993, has not been an especially impressive political performer. But she is the greatest force for change in more than a generation, and the Government's crackdown is proof of the threat she poses to the old order.

Wily Yeltsin cuts Lebed down to size

MORE than a month after General Aleksandr Lebed swept into the Kremlin promising to cure Russia's ills and lead it into the next century. the fortunes of the gruff soldier have begun to dim.

In the space of only six weeks, the former paratrooper and self-styled heir-in-waiting to the Kremlin leadership has discovered that his battlefield skills are of little use in the cutthroat world of Moscow politics. Undermined by President Yeltsin and outmanoeuvred by his rivals, the once-confident, and at times boastful, political hopeful has grown strangely silent.

Shortly after his appointment as secretary of the presisecurity council. General Lebed served notice that he planned not only to

Six weeks after the Afghan war veteran swept into the Kremlin with the swagger of a presidential heir-in-waiting, he has been outmanoeuvred by his patron, Richard Beeston writes in Moscow

military reform and the conflict in Chechenia, but also problems relating to religion. culture, economy and crime. But since installing himself in the Kremlin, he has so far failed to make an impact on

any aspect of policy.

The most glaring example of his shortcomings has been felt in Chechenia, where he had promised to implement a long-awaited peace plan to demilitarise the war-torn republic. Instead. a pre-election ceasefire has been shattered by a bloody new round of fighting, and plans for a Lebed peace mission to the region have now been postponed indefinitely.

"Lebed has been completely

discredited over Chechenia." said Andrei Piontkovsky, the head of the Centre for Strategic Studies in Moscow. "It is clear now that he only criticised the war as a means to pursue his rivalry with [former Defence Minister Generai Pavel] Grachev. Now that Grachev has been removed and the atrocities continue, Lebed sounds like all the

others in government." Another area where the Afghan War veteran was expected to use his military expertise was in the field of army reform, in particular, efforts to convert the demoralised and ill-disciplined conscript force of two million into a smaller and more professional organis-ation by the turn of the century.

Although General Lebed succeeded in having his nominee. General Igor Rodionov, appointed as Defence Minister, the victory was under-mined by a classic piece of Yeltsin power-balancing. Last week the Russian leader ordered the creation of a defence council headed by Yuri Baturin, the Kremlin's former security chief, to tackle the reform issue. Instead of a leading role in the council's

affairs, General Lebed now finds himself as only one voice on an 18-member body.

As for the economy, his boasts that he planned to take a direct hand in administering the country's economic policies have been neutralised by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and Anatoli Chubais, the new Kremlin Chief of Staff.

The consensus among Russian analysts and foreign diplomats in Moscow is that General Lebed has been manipulated by President Yeltsin. After the first round of voting in the presidential elections on June 16, the Russian leader courted the general for his II million voters, but since winning re-election in the second round on July 3 the Kremlin chief has neutralised General Lebed as a political force.

New twist put on the Bermuda Triangle

FROM ROGER MAYNARD

THE mystery of the Bermuda. Triangle, where scores of ships and planes are said to have disappeared, may have been solved by a retired Australian academic.

Richard Sylvester, a former associate professor in the de-partment of civil engineering at the University of Western Australia, claims vortices, or whirlpools, are the reason for so many vessels and aircraft vanishing without trace in the western Atlantic between Ber-muda and Florida. Now he has written a book on his theory, which he says came to him two years ago in a "brainwave" after watching a television programme about

the zone. In The Bermuda Triangle -Mystery No More, Mr Sylvester, who studied sea and wave action as a coastal engineer, says that a vortex in the air could create draughts strong enough to pull a plane down to the sea, where the wind generates a current in the water, creating another vortex which in turn sucks the plane to the seabed.

This might also account for the absence of any kind of evidence on the seabed. When the vortex moves through the sea it acts like a vacuum cleaner, sucking up huge amounts of sand, rock and silt. which spin around in suspension. When the whirlpool moves on, the silt settles on the floor of the ocean, where it can bury any debris up to 10ft deep, making it virtually undetectable.

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Macho Latin bulls see off Europe's wimps

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

HARD on the beels of "mad cow" disease, another bovine affliction has sent a shiver of panic through aficionados of the builting weedy

bull syndrome. Many European buils bred for the ring have become enfeebled, making them poor foes for even the meekest matador. Their frailty is due to a combination of wet weather, inbreeding and over-feeding, according to a report published in France yesterday.

From Arles in southern France to Seville in Spain, bulls are showing a tendency to collapse under their own weight before the first ole has sounded. Bullfight organisers say the weakness appears to be linked to genetic problems and obesity.

Bullfight fans have come to expect

ever larger bulls, with many weighing more than half a toune. In the weeks before a fight, breeders tended to fatten up their animals, but many bulls lack the strength to carry the sudden extra poundage and often keel over without much of a fight. They are artificially fed with

fattening food, when they usually eat only wild grass," Hubert Yonnet, a bull-breeder from the Carmargue. told the French magazine, Evénement du Jeudi. Some breeders also send bulls to the ring before they have reached full five-year maturity. Inbreeding is also a problem; at least 70 per cent of Spanish fighting bulls are descended from the champion Andalusian bull. Domecq. This year's crop of bulls is particu-

larly doddery, with the wet, cold weather leaving many stiff in the joints, bronchial and oddly pacific. The magazine said enthusiasts are increasingly turning to South America, where the bulls are leaner and meaner. Often raised on large farms where they must travel great distances for food and water, the South

American bulk apparently grow smaller horns but bigger muscles. Once buils from across the Atlantic were sneered at as lesser creatures. but now French and Spanish bullfighters are having to import South American breeding bulls in order, as one commentator put it, "to put the bravery back in our bulls".

A frail bull spins over, bringing a clownish touch to the Nimes arena

March of the tartan-skirted army

Luthoritative and assertive. Scottish women seem to be taking over everywhere. **Giles Coren finds** out why

IT BEGINS with Lorraine Kelly bounding onto GMTV at 6am and ends with Kirsty Wark signing off on Newsnight at 11.15pm. Unless, of course, it is one of those days when Lesley Riddoch takes The Midnight Hour into the small hours. In between, every day, on television and radio, in the pages of the national press and in the gossip columns, the ubiquity of Scottish women testifies to their recent, and total, conquest of the world.

There is Sheena MacDonald, presenter of House to House. Tracey MucLeod, late of The Late Show, Kirsty Young on The Holiday Show and Muriel Gray, whose presentation of The Tube launched the first sorties back in the early

There are frothier warriors too. such as Carol Smiley, the model who has graduated from glamorous Wheel of Fortune hostess to become a presenter on Hearts of Gold, and models Honor Fraser and Stella Tennant, more Belgravia than Braveheart, but members of the same tartan army. Genista McIntosh, the newly

appointed and first female chief executive of the Royal Opera House, Rona Cameron of Gaytime TV... the list seems endless.

Kirsty Young, the youngest of the serious wing of the Scot Pack at 27, is only beginning to appreciate the significance of the revolution: "It hadn't really occurred to me that we were taking over the world," she says modestly. "But then it isn't so apparent when you are on the inside. It may be down to an artificial redressing of the balance. in that it has become easier to get on in television both as a woman and as someone with a regional accent, and we nicely fulfil both clauses. By being far enough away to be almost foreign, we may also have a sort of exotic quality — we are not northerners as such, or

There is clearly some truth in this. "Change doesn't come about organically, but because it suddenly becomes obvious that the situation is absurd," says Lesley Riddoch, who is also associate











The Scot pack, anti-clockwise from left, top model Stella Tennant, Newsnight's Kirsty Wark, Kirsty Young, Muriel Gray and GMTV's Lorraine Kelly

regular speaker on Channel 4's People's Parliament. "To employ a Scotswoman is to kill two birds with one stone, if you'll pardon the nun. And the bosses can say to themselves, 'Haven't we done

'I always thought the number of Irish women on television was down to their accents being classless and unpindownable - perhaps, to English ears, the same editor of The Scotsman and a goes for the Scots accent. It is also

supposed to be earnest, and believable, as if we have thought things through."

As to why it is the women, rather than the men, who are ubiquitous, there are different theories. "In terms of broadcasting, Scotsmen are very taciturn," says Ms Riddoch. "It is said that women develop communication skills earlier than men, and perhaps that is even more the case in a macho environment like Scotland, So

many of our decision-makers are men, and I sometimes think that women are connecting up the thoughts of the men, and presenting them. In a macho society. where men don't like speaking, women are pushed into it."

Kirsty Young has another idea. "It might be that we are slightly better looking! Scottish men are everywhere in politics, and as women we avoid that association with the lumpy, ill-fitting suits of

Westminster. We are also better at being bossy, and tend to get very stern when we lose our tempers, which producers are very keen on. It is the practice we get keeping our men in line!

"It is also more unusual - and therefore more interesting - to see a woman in a dark suit giving someone a hard time, than a man. There is still a sort of novelty value

Lorraine Kelly sees social advan-

tages in being Scottish: "It can be difficult to establish a rapport with a Hollywood star who is doing 110 other interviews. But as soon as they see I am Scottish they always turn out to have an Auntie Fanny in Skye, or be interested in golf or something. Kirk Douglas kept asking me to say things because he liked the accent, and Bette Midler grilled me about where to visit when she was in Scotland. It helps

Or rather, at GMTV, to fit in. "There is definitely a Scottish mafia here," says Ms Kelly, "Maybe it's because we are all a bit sassy, a bit sparky, but also warm. It's difficult

to explain..."

They are also tough, and involved in the gritty end, by and large, of the business. "That is because there is no tradition of light entertainment in Scotland," says Kirsty Young. "What Scottish television makes for itself is news and current affairs programmes, so that whatever we do, ultimately that will always be where our grounding lies."

The result is a certain sternness. "Scottish women on television tend not to be coquettish or flirty. It could be genetic, it could come from being taught by blue-stocking schoolmistresses of the Miss Jean Brodie type. It could be something

in the water. Or the haggis."

Kirsty Wark, who is held up by the younger generation as one of the pioneers, has also seen a mafia emerging. "Newsnight is overrun with Scots. I can see at least four from here. Two women, two men. Maybe it's because we are brought up to be tough and assertive, and

have to wear all that wode.
"The smallness of BBC Scotland makes the training very rigorous. and the lack of money means a lot of airtime to fill with unprepared talk. After a few years of that you form some pretty strong opinions."

hey are certainly more politicised than their southern counterparts, and most have chosen to remain in Scotland despite the allure of London. "People like Ruth Wishart. Sheena MacDonald. Muriel and myself are fiercely committed to a separate parliament

for Scotland," says Lesley Riddoch. None admit to being part of a defined coterie, ("We are so mo-bile." says Ms Riddoch, "that we don't even see our partners that much, let alone each other.") but they do bump into each other occasionally on the Shuttle.

"Scotland is a tiny little pool of people," says Kirsty Young. "And the media circle is not huge. I know Kirsty and Muriel, and I have met Lesley a few times. But we don't all sit around together on Friday nights clinking champagne glasses saying, 'Congratulations we've got it all sewn up'."
Nor, though, do they fear for the

future — despite the notorious whim of media controllers whose image of the ideal employee wafts with fashion:

"I think we are too entrenched now." says Lorraine Kelly. "Can you imagine someone trying to get rid of us? What man would want to try to do that?"

Jason Cowley on a campaigner who threatens to return his MBE

you to stand out."

The history of the Gulf Support Group is the history of an obsession. Established in a spirit of deliance after some 3,000 British citizens were taken hostage following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait six years ago today, the group is now mired in debt and bitterness.

it survives only through the stubborn determination of its founder, the Coventry busi-nessman Stephen Brookes. But even he is losing faith; he threatens to return his MBE awarded for humanitarian work on behalf of the hostages - in protest at what he perceives to be a lack of government interest in their plight. Once a source of pride, his

er of what has gone wrong.
It all began for Mr Brookes
and his wife Josie when they received a phone call from their closest friend, Wen Li. Her husband Eric Watson, best man at their wedding. had been taken hostage after his plane was intercepted on a

medal now serves as a remind-

refuelling stop in Kuwait.

The Iraqi invasion of Kuwait had been headline news for several days, but now it hit us between the eyes," wrote Josie Brookes in her book about the crisis, The Human Shield. "We were so angry, so bitter, so frustrated at the lack of news, we were galvanised

What they were then not to know was just how much their involvement with the hostages was to cost them, not just in financial terms but personally. As Mr Brookes, 49, became increasingly caught up in his quest to free the hostages and then later to gain compensation for them, so the distinction between his private and public self dissolved. The whole thing has been a

disaster for us," he says. "We have lived with nothing but this crisis for the past six years. Before this started, we were just a middle-of-the road professional couple [Mr Brookes worked in sales and marketing for an engineering company]. But now we are virtually second-degree hostages of Iraq."

After struggling to maintain a normal relationship, Stephen and Josie finally divorced last year. "We allowed the pressure of the campaign to destroy our marriage. I was working from home and it meant that we had no respite from everything that was

Why I am still a hostage to the Gulf War



Stephen and Josie Brookes: a high price to pay

pay for the enormous expense

of running a support group. But just as many of the

hostages have suffered in si-

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going on. We had no one else to turn to." Although they are now living together again, they have no plans to remarry. Money remains an endless difficulty: only last week their telephone was disconnected

because they were unable to pay the bill. Mr Brookes The says: "We have put whole something like £60,000 of our own money into the thing has group: we have been to hell and been a there is no sign of a disaster resolution.

The former hosfor us' tage James Ure has met Mr Brookes on several occasions

over the past six years. "Stephen is consumed by a sense of wrong," he says. "But I sometimes wonder if people realise how much he himself has suffered. The campaign has gone beyond the Gulf War now, beyond everything."

It was not always like this. When the Gulf Support Group was set up it had the backing of MPs, big business and many volunteers, and the Government helped to fund a London office. The Gulf Support Trust was also created to

hostages have died from "stress-related illnesses", there have been several suicides and many have succumbed to alco-holism as they wrestle with debt and loneliness. Not a month passes but he receives a letter from one of the dillia me

hostages "desperate for help and advice". Many seem com-pelled endlessly to recount the story of their incarceration. He also receives letters from

MPs orchestrating campaigns on behalf of constituents. In a letter to the Foreign Secretary. Iain Sproat, the Heritage Minister, described how one of his constituents had had his life ruined by his experience as a hostage: "The farmers, struck disastrously by the consequences of BSE, are to be compensated. Yet the Foreign Office refuses to help these British nationals whose lives have been rained through no fault of their own. My constituent has been driven to de-spair over this."

James Ure was working as a chef at Baghdad Airport when he was taken hostage. Since returning to Britain he has suffered from depression and ill health. Now 60, he is scratching a living from odd jobs after being evicted from his house earlier this year. "Like many of the hostages, I came back to no job and no prospects. My marriage has broken up and if it wasn't for Stephen's work. I don't think I would have made it."

r Brookes says that interest on Imzen Iragi assets in Britain may hold the key to the compensation problem. "My research suggests that Iraq has assets of £748 million tied up in British banks. The interest alone could be used to help the hostages." The response of the Foreign Office is categorical: "Security Council resolutions do not allow the interest on Iraqi funds held in UK banks to be taken to meet claims of UK nationals."

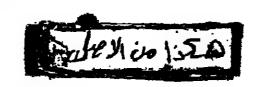
Mr Brookes says. "Of course, the real work was only just That is no help to Mr beginning. After the initial euphoria, the hostages had to Brookes, who has the forlorn face the reality of unemploylook of one who feels that a ment, post-traumatic stress great injustice has been comand life on social security.

"When the Iraqis invaded, mitted. Although he insists that his life will eventually these people lost their homes return to normal, there is, in and their businesses; women truth, nothing but doubt in his were raped. It's not hard to see

expressions of confidence. why they have struggled to His obsession must surely cope, especially when they now seem like a kind of haven't had the necessary imprisonment. There is no counselling." He says that in possibility of release. He has



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Professor Jack Scarisbrick: "If you deny that life begins with the fusion of sperm with ovum, when does it begin?"

Fighting for the unborn child

he Life movement is neither fashionable nor popular. Its founder, Professor Jack Scarisbrick, is a big man of 67 with a rubicund face, a loudly striped shirt and an .equanimity about finding himself ignored. He knocked on the door of 10 Downing Street on Wednesday, fruitlessly: there was to be no reprieve for the 3,000 frozen embryos now being disposed of at fertility clinics.

The embryos are microscopic clusters of cells, the size of a typewritten full stop. Their humanity is debatable and the whole issue is clouded by sentiment and misapprehension, but this week the reasoning public had to question why, under an arbitrary five-year rule, the embryos, once so yearned for by infertile couples, are now being discarded.

Another reminder of how far science has advanced beyond our ability to cope with the resulting human and social chaos.

John Joseph Scarisbrick, born in suburban London, was a fifth child; with three older sisters and a brother who had Down's syndrome. "So I think I was lucky not to be conceived post-1967. My mother, who was 43 with a severely disabled husband [he died when Jack was five plus a Down's child and three other children, would have been pressurised not to proceed with the pregnancy." Jack grew up inveterately

happy. After two years in the

RAF "treated like vermin by the NCOs" he arrived at Christ's College Cambridge, heard the porter call him "sir" and had six happy years there. He then embarked on 15 happy years teaching at Queen Mary College: followed by 25 happy years as professor of history at exciting new Warwick University (where Germaine Greer was writing her Female Eunuch and scaring the pants off him). He met "a gorgeous girl" named Nuala, they produced two daughters and he wrote two books (on Henry VIII and the Reformation)

The founder of Life, Professor Jack Scarisbrick, is against IVF treatment - but he is appalled by the destruction of embryos

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Victorian villa with a magnificent walled garden "where you might be miles from the turnult of modern life".

Modern life encroached in 1970. The professor, a new father, was incensed by David Steel's intellectually contemptible" Abortion Bill arguments that the child in the womb was morally inferior and disposable because "dependent". "Dependence implies duties on the person

depended on. If dependence demy daughter was disposable ed Life, which has fought abortion, IVF treatment and embryo experiments ever

Life was to have no reli-

ation, he insisted, but yes, he is a Roman Catholic. "But my wife gets very angry when people say 'you're doing this because your husband's a Catholic'." They took the absolutist

stance that the destruction of the child in the womb is always wrong. But they also realised "it wasn't enough to say 'thou shalt not'. Not every pregnancy is wanted, even in a happy marriage. We needed to provide a helpline like the Samaritans, and a pregnancy care service". They have 200 branches run by volunteers, and get 100,000 calls a year.

The professor admires the American right-to-life movement for making it a central political issue which we have not succeeded in doing". What about the US pro-life movement's propensity for aggressive, murderous, anti-

"Two or three weirdo exand lives to this day in a tremists out of tens of thou- lieves that the entire sexual

sands," he says. "We have the occasional oddball join us but they don't stay because Life is hard work. Our counsellors undergo rigorous training and selection. And they have to test urine samples. That

sorts them out." There is no love lost between the professor and the Human Embryology and Fertilisation Authority. Will the two sides ever agree on the question of when life begins?

The HEFA decided on 14 days (when the primitive becomes spinal cord,

"If you deny that life begins with the fusion of sperm with bang, an explosion of energy. when does it

sor Robert Edwards has written categorically that life begins at fertilisation. The former Archbishop John Habgood espoused an absurd agnosticism: "It has no beginning, it is a process." Wonderful Anglican waffle.

he analogy I use is from cricket," says the professor, a cricket fanatic. begin? When the umpire says 'play'. Before that, you have two teams. If you were to say to the bowler at the end of the third over, 'sorry, we're not sure this match has begun at all yet, the bowler would be very surprised.
"The word foetus is a

euphemism for unborn child. A gynaecologist examining a pregnant woman does not say and how is your foetus to-

revolution has diminished women. Women are expected to be: sexually available; willing to have an abortion if inconveniently pregnant; ready to produce a baby when required, and to abort any defective foetus. "And if she can't produce she is a failure, or must undergo a painful, expensive procedure with a 90 per cent failure rate."

Meanwhile male and female infertility increase. The womb is a dark and chemically complex organ. Sperm counts plummet. "And you can't reverse the process like

Life has opened its own obstetric clinic in Liverpool with an alternative to IVF, taking the ripe egg from the blocked tube and placing it at the top of the uterus. "We haven't had a pregnancy yet - but we've had four natural pregnancies." They also run the first baby hospice, Zoe's Place, for newborn disabled children. "It's not enough for us to say 'Don't kill this baby': we must offer alternatives."

Professor Scarisbrick appealed to postpone the implementation of the five-year law, to allow prospective adoptive couples to take the embryos. Twenty five coulast Thursday. We can transfer the embryos to wombs. It will cost the nation nothing."

The irony is that the IVF clinics do not want to destroy the embryos: Professor Ian Craft calls the rule a noose

around their necks. "So we all see these cauldrons on television, steaming away in liquid nitrogen. Professor Scarisbrick says. There are 60,000 in deep freezes; whose sell-by date is coming up. It is a ghastly dilemma, entirely man-made. We are trying to rescue something from the wreckage.

"So many things in our lifetime are unimaginable and unforeseen. People thought it was all about little Louise Brown, and Patrick Steptoe surrounded by babies, glossing over the real outcome. It will not look good in the record that on August 1, 1996, 3,000 human beings were condemned to death."

Atlanta needs a winning streak

ONLY two days of the Olympic Games to go, and not yet a single streaker. There have been Michael Johnson's golden running shoes. Armenian athletes chasing a local prostitute down the street - the speed she went, we could have used her in the British team and the temporary hijack of

Quentin Letts is hoping for a flash of inspiration at the Olympic Games

and Pinsent. But not a single,

In Britain it has been a summer sans culottes. There was the plump-bottomed streaker at Wimbledon, a

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promenade with nothing to shield him from the stiff sea breeze. Then, last weekend, our gold medallists Redgrave featherless birdle at the Open. two men stripped off in front of the Queen during the Cartier polo at Windsor. Her and the naked man who this

week interrupted the Webster's World Darts Matchplay, even as the sharppointed arrows were flying. Afterwards he had a biting

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America, however, in streaking is almost unknown. a sorry state of affairs that surely says something about the odd, almost perverted prudishness in this land of ree expression and lurid sexual lowlife. American magazines are often absurdly sensitive about ticklish advertisements for products such as bras and deodorants, ads which are carried without a moment's thought by European titles. On the beaches of the Hamptons, the fashion-

Majesty was amused.

able weekend enclave on New York's Long Island, bikini tops are very much kept on. even though everyone is happy to tune in to the Robin Byrd midnight striptease show on the local cable tele-AMERICA does have the

weather for streaking: Atlanta is formidably balmy. The people certainly have the joie de vivre, the eye for self-promotion, and many have the basic equipment. Sure, there are a lot of fatties, but there are also countless keepfit fanatics who would look

swell in their birthday suits.

Joyce Brothers, a New York psychologist, believes it is simply that America has fallen out of the streaking fashion. "We did have streaking in the Seventies on the college campuses," she recalled, almost wistfully, "and someone once streaked behind David Niven at the Academy Awards." Dr Brothers interprets streaking as a way of stating one's independence, of putting other people down, and telling them that they are stuffy and uptight. "Perhaps that's why you Brits are at it all the time," she said.

A streaker would have provided a valuable service here. Those of us in the press tent would have scurried after the culprit in search of vital statistics and a few comments rather than writing about all the disorganisation and, of

course, the bomb. What the Atlanta Games needs is a damned good streak. There are still two days left, so on yer marks, get



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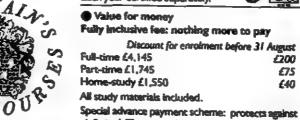
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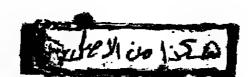
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David Tytler looks at teenagers who volunteer to go back to school in the summer holidays

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ometime next week a rocket is due to be launched from the heart of London, designed not by the world's leading space scientists, but as part of an ambitious scheme of summer courses for inner-city teenagers.

The Summer University, orga-nised by Tower Hamlets council, opened its doors this week to the first of thousands of students voluntarily giving up their holidays to improve their existing skills and gain new ones. The rocket launch is part of a science course at St Paul's Way School, attended by ten students. Elsewhere in the building, teenagers are learning to play soft ball, paint on silk or improve their writing skills.

Frances Knowles, manager of community education at St Paul's Way. says that last year's pilot scheme was a resounding success, with 2,700 students on courses during the fourweek period. Not all would have completed the subjects they had signed up for, but there is no doubting either the enthusiasm and commitment of the tutors or that of the students.

One of the striking aspects of the scheme is the "peer motivators" idea: teenagers with an interest in youth work are trained to act as assistants, talking directly to the students, ensuring they are in the right place at the right time, and making sure that they are having fun and feel the

courses are worthwhile.

Ms Knowles says: "The 'motivators' are attached to classes and one attends every activity. They talk to students to ensure that they are getting what they want and are having fun. The idea is that they will move on into youth-work training. They will get an assessment from us, stating what they have been taught, the skills they have achieved and how well they have used them. They are very carefully selected, but if they are not any good, they will be weeded

The teenage assistants are paid £7.50 a session and work only when they are required. David Holloway. one of the two Summer University youth work, drug and sex education, maths and science." for example, we are increasingly:

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Summer University students: "We aim for a programme that is fun, based around sports, music and the arts, with academic and vocational courses"

using young people to talk to other young people as the most effective way of getting the message across." Mr Holloway has been involved in

summer projects for teenagers for five years. There have been summer programmes in the past, but they have tended to be based around youth clubs, with outings and some projects - a very small menu. We aim for a balanced programme that is fun, based around sports, music and the arts, with some residential courses, together with academic and vocational courses. The students sign up to a bit of each.

"Many are reluctant at first, but once they start they want to get on. We use art and music and the Internet as a way into the more structured learning. We want to get them actively involved and enthusiastic about their learning.

"We have fun on the Internet, but the students soon learn that to do everything they want they have to get the technical skills, to learn about Mr Holloway, a graduate who dropped out of school at 13, but returned to higher education, adds that he also believes in the importance of structured education: the three Rs and whole-class teaching. He estimates that about 2,000 students will leave this year's courses with worthwhile experience. Some

For the teenagers of Tower Hamlets, the alternatives too often are to stay in bed or walk the streets

will have certificates from sporting bodies and all who have completed courses successfully will be given certificates for their National Record

of 14 to 16-year-olds in the borough. This showed that 93 per cent of those who replied wanted help with GCSE and A-level courses, 64 per cent expressed a keen interest in modern languages and around 45 per cent wanted courses in fashion and sport. To meet these preferences, the Summer University is offering study skills in humanities, science, maths and computers and courses in French,

German and Spanish. All the courses are offered free, with minimal charges for watersports and some travel costs for the residential courses. Two weeks in Berlin, for example, for 20 language students will cost £25 each plus spending money. The project is supported by Tower Hamlets Counand various European agencies, but has been guaranteed for three years by a £185,000 grant from the National Lottery.

One of the uncertainties is how many students will turn up. On This year's courses are based on the attendance was about 75 per cent. last year's pilot scheme and a survey which Mr Holloway describes as good. Some will drop out, but others will join in, so there is likely to be an

overall gain.
The Tower Hamlets team have been working with Birmingham City Council, which also opened its University of the First Age this week, an idea of its chief education officer, Tim

n Birmingham, about 300 pupils aged il to 12 will take part in week-long projects in subjects nology, French, Spanish and Urdu. It is intended that by 2001, all secondary school pupils in Birmingham will belong to two linked institutions, their mainstream school and the University of the First Age, which will

offer intensive, mixed age courses. Both schemes are aimed at helping children and young people to get the best out of their schooling, to become actively involved in learning and, above all, to enjoy it. For the alternatives, only too often, are to stay in bed or aimlessly walk the streets.

ages of six months to a year in advance of their chrono-The system, devised at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, in the early 1980s, harks back to some of the

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Hornsby, the psychologist taught alongside normal pupils using this method.
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vinced that the traditional methods are successful in raising standards. "They reinforce young children's understanding that words are made up of individual sounds. Having grasped that fact they are they are that fact, they are then able to decode new words when they see them," Professor

Terrell says. Dr Hornsby devised a system based on phonics, learning individual constituent sounds of words, which is designed to follow closely the patterns of speech devthe sound of each letter before linking the letters to build up words. And as it is a multisensory approach in-volving the aural, visual and tactile senses, pupils hear, see and feel the words.

For example, after hearing the teacher pronounce the letters CAT and then the word cat, they repeat what they hear. They then write the letters, read what they have written and finally close their eyes and trace the word in the air to memorise it. Pupils gradually move on

to more difficult combinations of letters, such as SH as in sheep, and play word games to recognise sounds. Given suffixes such as AP or OUGHT they expand their vocabulary by adding letters to form words like cap and map or fought and sought.

This approach, however, is not only about teaching reading. For as pupils write words, they learn to spell them. "Reading, writing and spelling are inter-related activities. Our aim is to equip pupils to master written English," Professor Terrell

Hornsby House School was established to prove that the multisensory approach works. The school has also shown that dyslexic pupils can be successfully

dyslexic," Professor Terrell says. This way we can keep them in normal classes in-stead of labelling them as having special needs."

Other beneficlaries, according to Hornsby House, are eight to ten-year-olds who had failed to learn to read properly when taught by modern methods in infancy. After switching to multisensory teaching, with its traditional phonics, they eatch up fast.

The distance-learning course for practising teachers has attracted trainees mainly from British schools, but groups in Malta, Hong Kong, Saudi Ara-bia, Barbados and Cyprus The course comprises 30 hours of practical tuition. and observation sessions.

After the initial emphasis on in-service training. Professor Terrell is developing a Master of Education course at Cheltenham and Gloucester College for teachers of special needs children. It begins this autumn and the hope is that multisensory teaching will be introduced for all students entering teacher training.

IOLA SMITH

Susan Elkin explains how boarding school pupils from overseas are provided with British 'parents'

in the old all-encompassing ex pression "parents and guard-ians" takes on a whole new meaning in boarding education. If you are, say, a Japanese or Taiwanese pupil in an English boarding school, your parents are not exactly on hand to stay with during halfterms and holidays, visit you at weekends or drop in at school events.

It could be pretty bleak. The reason it is not is that almost every overseas boarding student is carefully assigned to a British-based couple and their family who act as on-thespot guardians.

Yumiko Teral, 17, is a year-ten GSCE pupil at St James and the Abbey School at Malvern in Hereford and Worcester. She is about as far from her home, near Osaka in Japan, as she could be, but her British guardians live only a few

miles away at Upton.
"I'm very happy with them," says
Yumiko. "I get on really well with the
youngest daughter who is about my age. I often go out with her and her friends."

So how are families who want to

A long way from home, but close to the family

be guardians successfully teamed up with those who need them? If the family has friends or relations in Britain they probably make their own arrangements. But most parents who choose to send their children abroad for what they clearly regard as the best education, have no international contacts. Guardianship partnerships have therefore to be set up by the schools and/or companies, such as Gabbitas Educa-tional Consultants.

St James and the Abbey, a girls' school with 200 pupils of whom about 5 per cent are currently from Japan, advertises locally for guardians. "Parish magazines and local newspapers are a good way of reaching the right people," says the headmistress, Elizabeth Mullenger. "We also use staff networking. Most of our guardians live close by, so they can pop in very readily.'

Once a potential guardian has emerged, someone from St James visits the home "to see if the atmosphere is relaxed enough to absorb an overseas child". Miss Mullenger works closely with Sarah Studdert Kennedy, head of guardlanship at Gabbitas, who has about 120 overseas students in guardianship and seems to know each one

and every guardian personally. Elspein Patterson — not her real name because she asked for anonymity — was selected by Gabbitas. She and her husband, who have two children of their own, have been guardians for eight years. They are in the process of seeing four mem-

through English boarding education. Girls of 16 and 15 are at senior schools while their nine-year-old brother has recently started prep school. An older sister is at Sheffield University and although, now that she's of age, the Pattersons are no longer technically her guardians, she keeps in touch and is still very much

part of the family. "We take them to the airport and see them off when they go home." says Mrs Patterson. "We also sort out school uniform and bring them home for short breaks."

There is another benefit too. Ayao Misawa, 17, who is studying art, technology and Japanese for A level at St James and the Abbey, comes from Tokyo. As well as valuing the acquisition of some quast siblings — she's an only child — she finds academic advantage in being part of her guardians' family. "They know how to help me with my A levels because they're British and understand the system in a way my parents never could," she says. Guardianship is also an unsung

aspect of positive international networking and multi-cultural awareness: "We've loved learning so much about eastern culture and getting to know these Taiwanese children really well as they've got older. It's an extraordinarily positive experience," says Mrs Patterson.
That dedication and commitment.

unsullied by financial gain, is evidently crucial. As Miss Mullenger says: "It is essential that people don't go into guardianship for money. That's not the way to attract the best

That is why couples such as the Pattersons receive only their ex-penses and a tiny allowance. The rewards apparently lie in the satisfaction of doing a worthwhile job

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Hands off our school!

Mohammed Mehmet on why

education associations don't work

n May 9, I read in The Times that Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, was "minded" to transfer the Langham School, of which I am chair of the governors, to an education association (EA).

It was a devastating blow to Langham, a comprehensive school serving a multicultural area in Tottenham, north London. An EA is a government-appointed group of business and education experts with a mission to kill or cure a failing school. It has been used only once before, when it recommended closing Hack-

ney Downs School last year. Two months later Mrs Shephard changed her mind about Langham, commending the governors for their sense of purpose and direction, and acknowledging the many im-

provements since 1995. Pupils had been failed by the school for years. It was the pressure from Ofsted, the LEA support, we put new

school inspection agency, and in February 1995 its judgment that the school was failing, which gave the impetus for a root-and-branch programme of change. The governing body - many of us new governors - welcomed the report, seeing it as the opportunity for transforming the school. From my experience as a

education officer, Ofsted inspections and the agency's regular monitoring are usually effective in securing improvement. They give governors the support they need to keep the pressure on, and demand urgency from a local education authority (LEA). This healthy tension is helping to raise standards in many schools in Haringey where I live, and Hackney

where I work. The governors at Langham acted even before the report was published, suspending the head and a deputy. With



Mohammed Mehmet: Government threats did not help Langham School

1995 was approved by Ofsted and by the Department for Education and Employment.

By any objective measurement, Langham is now an improving school. For example, this year's national tests for 14year-olds show significant improvement in the core subjects of English, maths and science. and 91 per cent of the year group took GCSEs this summer, compared to 80 per cent in 1995. The school's financial

future is secured and our roll

managers in place. A detailed, is up by 7 per cent. Every two-year action plan in March teacher has been observed and received detailed feedback. It is not surprising, therefore, that the school and its

community vigorously op-posed the takeover proposal. Some would argue that, after the closure of Hackney Downs, the Government was keen to demonstrate that education associations were capable of improving schools, as well as shutting them. Therefore the easy option would be to take over a school which was already improving, though not in the public's

perception. Langham school

From May 9 the Department for Education and Employment behaved almost as if the education association was a foregone conclusion. For example, it advised us not to go ahead with the appointment of our new head and deputy head. The governing body ignored the advice and appointed two excellent managers. Had we listened, the school would have been with-

seemed to fit this bill.

January. On July 18, Mrs Shephard made the right decision and recognised the effective work

out a head until at least next

announcement on May 9 was an error and it damaged the school, it caused a number of good applicants to withdraw from key teacher vacancies. Time and effort by governors and senior school staff was spent on maintaining morale, and writing submis-

of the governing body. Her

spent implementing the action plan to revitalise the school. The real lesson of Langham is that educa-tion associations are not appropriate and will be resisted where a partnership of

sions for Mrs Shephard effort which should have been

governors, parents, staff, LEA officers and Ofsted is clearly working. The Government should encourage this partnership to develop and follow a tough, determined programme of change and improvement. One irony is that the initial threat of an EA can help to bring about such a partnership. But carrying out the threat once the partnership is

working makes no sense. It seems to me that government intervention is necessary only in cases where there is no local strategy and political will to tackle a "failing" school. But even here, there must always be clear educational grounds. These need to be set out in advance if EAs are to have any

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Do all our news-sheets headline you "rogue peers"?

As though your roguery were exceptional. "Rogue peer" is a tautology. The point of peers is that they should be rogues, and do the things that excite the rest of us. A peer refreshes the excesses that other

mortals cannot reach. Shakespeare knew his nobs when he put Sir John Falstaff in Mistress Quickly's Boar's Head Massage Parlour in Eastcheap. The stately peers of England have been aristocrats for degenerations. The pages of Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, Knightage, and Companionage may look as disjointed as a railway timetable after privatisation, but those family histories condense a more dreadful record of sin. bigarny, bastardy, banditry and bad behaviour than a town full of respectable bourgeois. Those who can trace their family-tree back to when the family used to live in one have a history of piracy under the Normans, plunder of church property under the Tudors, a mistress of Charles II as an ancestor, and purchase of honours from James I to Lloyd George and Tory funds. It is traditional that some of Harold Wilson's life peers from the lavender honours lists ended up in jug. They were doing what a peer has to do.

Droit de seigneur may be harder to trace in fact than in The Marriage of Figuro, but it represents the popular myth of lordly immorality. In France, bad behaviour by the aristocracy led to their replacement by a new lot of Napoleonic aristos. Remember the slow-burning rage of La Bruyère's description of the peasants in France in the reign of Louis XIV? These wild animals, males and females, stretched out in the fields, black, livid and burnt by the sun. Attached to the soil, which they dig and turn over with invincible stubbornness. They have something like a voice, and when they stand up, they have a human face. Then (the sting in the tail): et en effet, ils sont des hommes!

in France they guillotined their aristos. In England, with native irony, we make use of them for entertainment. From Victorian melodrama, with bold, bad baronets twirling their moustaches, through to Ayckbourn, the peccant peer is an archetype of romance. Pamela, which is one of the (many) candidates for matriarch of the modern novel, runs on this stock plot of aristo trying to have year-old, as if such a maiden ever existed: "O preserve me. heaven, from his power, and from his wickedness!" In Wodehouse's Never-Never Land, the

peccant peer plays a recurrent cameo part. It is true that Clarence, the Ninth Earl of Emsworth, is pig-obsessed rather than a rogue. But consider Sir Gregory Parsice-Parsloe of Matchingham Hall, who will perform any villainy to win the silver medal for his giant pig. Pride of Matchingham. Roderick Spode is ennobled as Baron Sidcup, and he is leader of the fascist Black Shorts. Lord Worplesdon, married to Aunt Agatha, is not always a bad egg. But Bertie judges that given the choice of a Worplesdon or a hippogriff as a walking companion, the hippogriff wins every time. The Earl of Bli-cester, guardian of Freddie Widgeon, is still a wealthy peer, but moths have nested for years in his wallet. He won the Fat Uncles competition at the Drones Club. Sir Watkyn Basset, Bart, trousers the fines he imposes at Bosher Street Magistrates' Court. The Duke of Dunstable descends on the country homes of his pals, inviting himself for long periods. Few coots could have less hair, and any walrus would be proud of the moustache through which he strains his soup.

Lord Moynihan saw himself as "the typical English gentleman". In the High Court, Sir Stephen Brown described him as "a thoroughly dishonest rogue". Both right. He was that source of amusement in the comedy of manners, the rogue peer.

Clive Aslet describes the desperate plight of the beef and dairy industry after yesterday's news

Vesterday, as Britain's beef and dairy farmers sat down to the evening news, they heard one of their worst fears realised. Until then, it seemed possible that cattle could only contract the brain disease BSE by eating feed containing the ground up remains of sheep and other cattle. This idea was supported by the dramatic fall in the incidence of BSE after the feed was banned. But the ban should, in theory, have eliminated BSE completely from British herds. In fact, cases continue to occur at a rate of almost 200 a week.

Officials tried hard to find explanations which supported the original hypothesis, though they never sounded very convincing. One heard that tests at government research stations, to be completed at the end of this year, were expected to indicate that BSE could not be transmitted vertically, from mother cow to calf. Farmers now know that this hope was unfounded. In a very small number of cases, vertical transmission does seem to be taking place.

The findings are provisional, but they could have devastating consequences. They make nonsense of the Govern-ment's policy of culling older cattle as a means of exterminating BSE. If BSE is to be stamped out, the cull will have to extend to the progeny of all diseased cattle. Already, before yester-day's announcement, the Government had accepted that its slaughter policy would kill 50 healthy animals for every one that was infected. This was an appalling and tragic waste. Now it is possible that far greater numbers of cattle will have to be sacrificed.

Some farmers have already gone to the wall over BSE. Very few if any new special milk produced at that time called cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in colostrum. Colostrum is different in the wall over BSE. Very few if any new

So the ministry of madness strikes again

young people — with which there may onceivably be a link with BSE — have sold for human consumption." These appeared since the spring. So it may yet be that more deaths will result from farmers committing suicide than from children eating hamburgers. On the other hand, some farmers have already taken such a battering that they will barely notice the latest burden. Alan Bartletts, the chairman of the Somerset branch of the National Farmers Union, consoles himself with the thought that only I per cent of calves born to BSE-infected cows will have contracted BSE from their mothers. This, he points out, is a very small number - not to be confused with I per cent of the national herd.

The ghastly prospect that it may be possible for BSE to be transmitted through milk is quashed by the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee's report. While the scientists do not believe that BSE is passed from cow to calf through blood, they equally assure us that milk is safe. "In com-mercial dairy herds where the bulk of BSE cases arise, calves do not receive their mothers' milk except for the first few days of life, when they receive the

sold for human consumption." These words will be cherished not just by farmers, but cheesemakers, chocolate makers and the makers of a host of processed foods. They should avert the Government's ultimate nightmare of the slaughter of the whole of the British

Even so, the ministry's stock has never been so low among the farmers who are part of its supposed constituency. Last week, the Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg, led his entire team of ministers to the Game Fair, in Lincolnshire, his object clearly being to demonstrate the ministry's presence in the countryside. Mr Hogg made a vigorous defence of country sports. Anyone who saw him looking, as someone said, "as grey as a corpse and lolling like a rag doll" — cannot doubt the strain he has been under. Most country people think someone must pay the price of a decade of incompetence in the ministry. That someone is Mr Hogg.

The manner of yesterday's announcement was unfortunate. Parliament was not sitting, and it happened that the Chief Veterinary Officer was scheduled to attend a meeting of the European vets. Consequently the news was made by press release. Why did Mr Hogg and others not make themselves immediately available to answer questions? The episode recalled the disastrous announcement of the original findings about a possible link between BSE and Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease. Then the scientists had not troubled to warn ministers of the likely outcome of their deliberations. No contingency plans

were in place. The impression of incompetence — by officials if not by ministers - was confirmed by the manner of introducing the slaughter policy. Endless mistakes showed that the ministry, despite being dedicated to a single industry, did not understand how beef and dairy farming operate. Rationalisation has deprived the ministry of its farm advisory service. where practical experience was concentrated. It is the chaos of the slaughter policy, only partially mitigated since April, that really distresses farmers such as Mr Bartletts.

The largest measure of blame may lie not with Douglas Hogg, but even higher in the Government. The Prime Minister identified his objective in typically political terms. This is to get the European Union's worldwide ban on British exports lifted as soon as possible. He ignores the uncomfortable reality, which is that even if the EU were to relax the ban, most other countries would maintain their own bans, which have also been imposed. There would be no one to take the meat, even if we were allowed to export it.

In Florence, the Prime Minister pledged to sacrifice an even greater number of cattle to achieve the "framework" by which the ban might be lifted.

In supplication to the Euro-sceptics within his party, he even expressed the hope that the conditions for recommencing exports of British beef would be met by October. There was never any possibility of reaching that target, and he must have known it.

Before yesterday's announcement, Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, said that he believed it would be five years before the ban was lifted. Now that period could be doubled. What farmers need to see is leadership to restructure their industry. Rather than squandering billions of pounds on the slaughtering of cattle to fulfil political objectives, it would be better to set in train policies that would, in five or ten years' time, restore the prestige of Britain's beef and dairy industries, making them the best

At present, Britain's farmers are in limbo. Parliament's summer recess means that they must wait until October before they find out about the new rules for tracing the "cohorts" of BSE-infected cattle. They need to know the worst now. They need to plan. Then they must be given the confidence to rebuild their shattered businesses.

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Tampering with justice

Who did what with whose balls should not be a matter for the High Court

n the matter of lan Botham, Imran Khan and Allan Lamb. I propose to start not at the beginning, nor at the end, but in a somewhat recondite position, viz., the words used

by the head lawyers in the case. Now, now: I know in the past I have frequently said unkind words about the lawyers — but what I am about to say now is perfectly sincere, though the lawyers may say that it is still just lawyer-bashing. I truly mean it. with no sneering or jeering.

I want to know. truly know, how the head lawyers in a case such as the Botham/Lamb/Imran imbroglio, can keep a straight face as they pour out their clients' woes or joys or vice versa (and frequently both).

nan. OC. and you can te lawyer than that. Hear this passage.

Mr Carman said: "What you said about Pakistan was that it was where you would like to send your mother-in-law for a month, all expenses paid."

Botham replied: "No, 1 said for two

When the laughter died down, Mr Carman went on: That was a disgracefully offensive observation to the people and cricketers of Pakistan, wasn't it?"

And the answer, of course, no it wasn't, you breathtaking lawyer, and everyone in the court knew it. But I am not challenging Mr Carman: I wouldn't be such a fool as to try it on him. I am saying what I said at the beginning: how does a leading silk keep his face rigid when he has to stand on his head and wiggle his feet into the bargain, for nothing but a lousy half million smackers an hour, day and night, plus that lovely word - refresher.

But I am not jeering at Mr Carman. If parcels of boobies want to throw millions of pounds into the nearest dustbin. Mr Carman has the right to use his gigantic talents to point out where the dustbins stand. After all, this money, which is now being piled up in a dozen Everests, is not coming from my account or yours, and if you want to see the fun directly, you can go to the Law Courts anyone can go, and it's free - and marvel that one crowded room can hold so many bloody fools, and that so many gowned figures go home lurching be-cause their pockets are weighed down with the sponduliks.

To start with, we are not discussing matters of state, let alone important figures. We are talking about a handful er — players, whose only significance is that they are or were good at knocking balls about. (Imran. I am told. is some kind of uppity figure in Pakistan, but as far as I know, his actual talent is with the said balls.) Now anyone who comes to this story

fresh would rock with laughter or anger or both. For here are three grown men behaving like spoilt children whose fathers did not use the strap frequently enough.

Take the first bit

of nonsense. Some-Let me give first one tiny example; it body in this rubbish has - or has comes from the mouth of George Car-(or the same person) has "lacked class". Others, it is said, have (or have not) smoked marijuana, once upon a time. and yet others have claimed that they (with others saying the opposite) have done something wicked with their balls.

This pitiful nonsense has gone on and on for a fortnight, with nobody prepared to grab a handful of sense and shake it until someone points out that the shenanigans in the story would shame a drunken beggar.

ere is a pointed finger, no matter who is doing the pointing. The talk was of cricket balls being tampered with. Did the heavens fall? Were the police called? Has anyone painted RIP on the gates of Lords? If not, why not? For you see, some say the ball was tampered with and others said it wasn't, and in any case if it was tampered with. the tampering was a rather special version, in which the shape of the ball was altered, but not its condition.

Yes, grown-up men have been doing such things. And not only do they do such things, they get their bovine faces in the newspapers - yes. this newspaper, inches high. And my this: "lan Botham told the High Court land why didn't the High Court pour a bucket of ordure over him, eh?] that he had rejected Imran Khan's proposal to settle their dispute with a letter to The Times, be-



cause he didn't regard it as an apology. And this has been going on for a formight, whereas if little children had had the reins, this disgusting business yes it is disgusting — would have been over in half an hour with perhaps a glass of Ovaltine.

Now we learn that Lmran "had never used the word 'cheat' against anyone but himself" (how twee!), but he admitted that he had once, in 1981, used a bottle top to tamper with the ball in order to clarify the demarcation between "cheating and common practice". (That's 15 years ago - this guy has got one hell of a

But let me come back to where I started, viz., the duo known (by me at least). Messrs Carman and Gray. Sticking my nose in a bit further, I wonder whether the two are bosom pals or hate each other. It wouldn't mean anything no. I have never asked a barrister how he could fight for one side on Monday and fight for the other side on Tuesday - but out of sheer inquisitiveness would like to know. At least, if Carman is the tops, Gray must be called the runner-up. But there go both together, shovelling in the money from the fools who go to court. And fools they certainly

are. There are many honourable law-

yers who try to head-off the eager plaintiff, knowing that the plaintiff's cause is hopeless, and there are many plaintiffs who insist that they must go on with the case, only to go bust in the end. Who said "A fool and his money are

soon parted?

I would love to know what the judge thinks when such stuff lands on his bench. Take the very case we have been talking about. Presumably the judge cannot tell the entire lot to go home and boil their heads for a turnip? But, oh, if he is a case-hardened justicer, how he would despise every single person in this pestilerous nonsense.

Let me come back for a moment to Messrs Carman and Gray. They won't tell us, but I would love to know this too: if a really well-heeled fool arrives at his desk, does he have even a twinge of

ut that leads to the most remarkable part of this business. How, and indeed why, did we get so extraordinary a legal system - a system, that is, that matches the gladiators of the Ancient Romans? Don't you think it is strange strange to the point of absurdity?

Hark. Two men or women - only two the 12 men and women who are called the jury. (For me, the jury system, is the greatest and most profoundly necessary part of our legal system.) Stop for a moment and think how peculiar it is that our system turns on just two men or women: the two simply stand up and argue. One of those two, or even both, could be ill, mad, drunk, stupid, deaf, bribed (though that is rare), or any of those together. But the whole system swings on the greater eloquence of one of two persons. Is that not very peculiar? And I would go further - I think it is, or

certainly could be — dangerous.
No. Carman, QC, and Gray, ditto, are not going to organise a putsch, overthrow the Royal Family and drive the Cabinet out of the country. (Though perhaps . . .) There are, of course, checks and balances, notably the ones I pointed out a few paragraphs back. But then I am coming back to the horrible mess with which this business started. Yes, I agree, these people were using their own or others' money, but they were not using ours. So why should I get hot under the collar? Because, although the collar is not mine, and I would not touch it with tweezers, we make our legal system a little bit more absurd when these idiocies take place.

Anyway, neither Carman, QC, nor Gray, ditto, is going to beg his bread in the gutter, and even if they have to, they could rely on me for a slice of cake.

Palace pink

FLAMINGOS are to be shipped in to Buckingham Palace, replacing the eight savagely butchered by an

A mission has already travelled



Pretty flamingos

and Wetland Trust, Gloucestershire, to inspect the lake at the Palace and advise on security for the creatures. The murderous fox, which skidded across a frozen lake to tear into the helpless fowl, was never captured. Residents of Victoria, however, found pink feathers strewn across their gardens for days afterwards.

flamingos were a welcome conversational gambit at royal garden parties. "We have suggested preda-tory proof fencing before the Queen buys any more." says an aviculturist at Slimbridge.

The twitchers advise that Her Majesty invest in a flock of Chilean birds, at just £1,200 each. They can easily be kept a Cartland pink with a simple diet of Dutch cockles and shrimps.

The Queen will not, however, be buying the birds until after their noisy autumn mating season.

Down a bomb

POISONED umbrellas went clattering to the floor at MI5 HQ in central London the other day as Martin McGuinness, chairman of Sinn Fein, came ambling through

the door. "What's he doing here?" hissed an official into the marble silence. Feeling the chilly stares, McGuinness's entourage processed to the reception desk and asked to be sent up to see a Labour MP.

After blank looks from the recep-

tionists and some low Irish murmurs down the telephone, the group bustled out to look at the name plate outside. Their mistake, They had intended to go several doors further along, to a block of parliamentary offices.

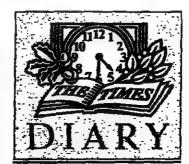
A tickled Republican explained

McCuinness's casual demeanour as he strode into the lion's den: "He didn't know where he was. I don't know if MI5 went bright red or very white and shaky when they realised who he was.'

 Journalists attending this year's Labour Party Conference in Blackpool have found a bizarre new section on their application forms for press passes. They are required to send in their car registration numbers - even if they are not tak-ing their cars to the conference. "For the first time, the police have insisted on us having the same levels of security as the Conservatives this year," explains a Labour official, smugly.

Cakewalk

DEBUTANTES are torn over the future of the cake at the Oueen Charlotte's Ball. Traditionally, the debs have tottered down a grand stairway in their white frocks and heels before curtseying to a colossal oratory. Cambridge, were sorely



oft cake. For the giant pastry symbolises royalty.

In the latest edition of Hello!

magazine, however, the Countess of St Andrews, the new chairman of the Queen Charlotte's Hospital Appeal, declares her intention to emphasise the hospital and the research, and not be sidetracked by cakes". Viz: there will be no overgrown confection in future.

One who is not sorry to see the cake go is Lady Elizabeth Anson, party planner, whose own coming out was marked by her brother, the Earl of Lichfield, dropping mice on parachutes onto the passing debs. I don't think today's debs will miss it at all," she says. "I found it completely ridiculous."

 Metallurgists attending a recent convention at the Cavendish Lahlet down. After three days of ser-ious alloy talk the delegates gath-ered on the metal staircase for the end-of-conference photo. As the photographer raised the camera, the staircase fractured under their

Olympic medal tally in mind that the Diary launches its campaign for the introduction of more British sports into the Games. If the Americans can have beach volleyball



Fives alive IT IS with Britain's unimpressive



and mountain biking, roll on Olympic Eton Fives.

Invented when two boys began whacking a ball between the but-tresses of Eton College chapel, the game requires skill, fitness and snake-like cunning. Prominent players have included Lord Kingsdown, former Governor of the Bank of England, and the Marquess of Bath, known as Twitter at school. Prince William, a lefthander, is useful from the back of the court.

popular in Nigeria," says John Reynolds, II times World Eton Fives Champion. "There are new courts in Geneva and some in Nepal and Argentina. I used to fantasise about playing in the Olympics but it never happened."

"For some reason it is very

Tomorrow, shove ha'penny.

Stone me

JUST a year after the last Rolling Stones tour. Mick Jagger is keen to ride again. He is said to want to hit those few deprived corners of the world yet to feel the hot blast of the greatest rock band on earth.

Until the other members rally round, however, the 53-year-old grandpa and still agile hipswinger is turning his energies to movie-, making with films about Che Gue-



Flashing back: Jagger

vara and Dylan Thomas already planned.

Earlier this year, I reported that he is producing the movie of Robert Harris's novel Enigma. Next up is a spy thriller about Guevara and his love for an East German spy. After that comes a bio-pic of Dylan Thomas, "He's very keen to develop his movie career," says an insider. "But he is determined to walk before he can run. He just does like to work."

Aldeburgh at odds

Sir, Included in The Times of July 24

was a report by Dalya Alberge enti-tled "Aldeburgh prefers bird table to statue of Benjamin Britten" (see also

Benjamin Britten was, without

doubt, one of the greatest composers

of the 20th century, and we hope that

the town of Aldeburgh will consider it

an honour to erect a statue in the cen-

tre of the town to celebrate his genius

GENNADI ROZHDESTVENSKY,

c/o London Symphony Orchestra, Level 6, Barbican Centre, EC2.

Sir, I would like to propose a concep-

tual strategy in response to the prob-

lem of commemorating Sir Benjamin

1) Commission statue of Britten and

2) Dig hole and bury statue six foot

As well as representing the contin-

ued presence and absence of Benja-

min Britten, in the long term this ap-

proach offers opportunity for revision

in accordance with changes in local

sentiment, levels of unemployment,

and prevailing economic, aesthetic and curatorial doctrine.

Sir, Had they not voted for them, one

would have to pity the citizens of Aldeburgh, their affairs being managed by

George Crabbe must be a front-run-

ner for the title of England's most for-

gotten poet; Elizabeth Garrett Ander-

son's name is well known in London's

Camden, where a hospital bears her

name though (unjustly) few know

why. But for Britten no one would

know of sleepy little Aldeburgh or,

come to that, of their councillors'

weighty discussions of the relative

Sir, I think Benjamin Britten would

have been highly amused by the argu-

might even have written an opera on

However, would not the figure of

Peter Grimes be a suitable memorial?

He was the character created in The

Borough, a poem by another of Alde-

burgh's celebrities, George Crabbe;

he later became the subject of Britten's

most renowned opera; and he was a

ments over his proposed statue . . .

menits of a bird table or a tree.

34150 Montpeyroux, France.

From Mrs Tricia Maguire

Yours faithfully. PETER KIRWAN,

4 Route Neuve.

July 26.

the subject.

fisherman.

Manor Farm.

Benhall Green

July 26.

Yours faithfully, TRICIA MAGUIRE,

Saxmundham, Suffolk.

From Mr Gideon Sherman

Britten in Aldeburgh:

Yours faithfully. GIDEON SHERMAN,

33 Fournier Street, El.

From Mr Peter Kirwan

such councillors.

on Britten statue

From Mr Mstislav Rostropovich

letter, July 26; article, July 30).

and his love of Aldeburgh.

Yours faithfully, M. ROSTROPOVICH,

COLIN DAVIS.

GEORG SOLTI,

August I.

select site:

underground.

and others



A CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE

Ministers are increasingly incredible over BSE

The announcement that BSE can, after all, be passed from cow to calf indicates that this Government still has not learnt how to handle the delicate manter of restoring confidence in British beef. Over four months ago Steven Dorrell, the Health Secretary, alarmed the public and distressed farmers with his maladroit presentation of new evidence which pointed to a link between BSE in cows and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Mr Dorrell's clumsy announcement provoked a public health panic whose consequences still haunt our countryside. Now Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, has again released complex and worrying scientific information in a manner bound to maximise concern. The credibility of this Administration has suffered another blow and it is a mercy for ministers that the Commons is not in session to give them the roasting they deserve.

The Ministry of Agriculture maintains that settled scientific opinion insists there is no new health risk as a result of this announcement. But the Government's BSE record suggests that today's settled scientific opinion can become tomorrow's discredited bromide. In 1988 the Government maintained that BSE could not be passed from cattle to humans. In 1989 the Government's scientists said the disease could not be passed from cow to calf. Both confident assertions have now been contradicted.

Mr Hogg's admission yesterday came only two weeks after public confidence in farming was further shaken when it was revealed that BSE could affect sheep. Before then ministers had doubted that the disease could spread in this fashion. The history of ministerial management of BSE is of complacency and casualness. No wonder the public's capacity to take them seriously has taken a battering.

The manner of yesterday's announcement by the Ministry of Agriculture certainly does not suggest a department confident in its conclusions. A private briefing and a bald press release with ministers fugitive for much of the day does not inspire faith. Neither does the content of the ministry's statement. Experiments suggest that BSE is passed from infected cows to calves in 10 per cent of cases. The Ministry argue the risk of transmission is, after adjustment, only 1 per cent. The Ministry may be right, but playing down risks and hoping for the best is not the way to restore confidence.

Consumer confidence, in this country and especially across Europe, has shown itself a fragile thing. Although the evidence may suggest that there is no new risk to human health the damage has already been done to hopes of an early lift to the ban on British beef exports. The political capital expended during the beef war bought little. Those gains are set at even less after yesterday.

Political reputations may fall further but ministers, by their mishandling of matters, are the authors of their own misfortune. The largely innocent victims of yesterday's debacle will be the farmers. The slaughter plan which compelled them to call so many of their livestock looks certain to be extended. It is hard for farmers to face the early death of animals in whom they have invested so much, financially and emotionally. Even if the cull is extended there is little prospect of guaranteeing the eradication of the disease if it can pass from cow to calf. Farmers could face the prospect of the disease lingering in the cow population for years to come, and with it doubts, however unjustified, about British beef. Quality produce has been undermined by illqualified ministers. A price will have to be

END OF THE NEW DEAL

Clinton has trumped Bob Dole's last ace

Sixty-one years after F. D. Roosevelt promised the America of the Great Depression a New Deal, President Clinton is poised to sign into law a radical Bill to reform the American welfare system. Both supporters and critics of the Bill, which is essentially of Republican design, claim that it will assign to history not only the great web of federallyguaranteed aid to the poor, but the social

contract at the heart of New Deal liberalism. The electoral calculation behind Mr Clinton's decision is obvious. He fought and won the 1992 election as a New Democrat who had distanced himself from his party's big-spending liberal wing. Nothing so clearly defined the profile he then presented to voters - and in particular to suburban white Americans worried about their taxes - as his pledge of "an end to welfare as we know it". Having vetoed two earlier drafts of this legislation, a third veto would have laid the President wide open to Republican taunts that behind the reforming façade was just another untrustworthy, unreconstructed liberal Democrat. By promising to sign it, he trumps Senator Bob Dole's ace.

Whatever the politics involved, the decision is the right one. Whatever claims can be made for America's nationalised welfare system, it has undoubtedly fostered welfare dependency; it has demonstrably failed to get rid of acute poverty; and public support for open-ended welfare payments has long ago evaporated. The Bill's main provisions - to require the able-bodied to return to work after two years on benefit, to limit lifetime welfare assistance to five years per family, and to shift authority over welfare spending from Washington to state capitals have solid bipartisan support.

The Bill does not however, merely decentralise decisions about eligibility and management, through the introduction of federal block grants to states. It will also cut the federal bill, by \$55 billion over six years. This will not automatically, as liberal Democrats allege, "throw a million into poverty"; but states will have to make up the shortfall in federal grant, or scale back their programmes. State taxes are highly devolved to local level, and taxpayers in affluent suburbs may prove no readier to pay higher state taxes to help the inner city poor in their own state than they are to fund a federal programme. The Bill deserves to be given a chance to work; but it is, deliberately, patchy in design and it could be even patchier in implementation.

Mr Clinton will be well satisfied to have forced the Republicans to share the credit for a popular reform. But with this Bill, he also buries a once hugely influential part of the Democratic Party, the broad coalition of unionised labour, urban blacks, northern liberals and parts of the business community that supported big government in the name of social justice.

The funeral wake could be stormy. splitting next month's Democratic Convention, if the vote in the House of Representatives is anything to go by; 98 Democrats voted for, and 98 against. The split could even affect turn-out. Mr Clinton's promise, if re-elected, to repeal clauses which have caused most anger among Democrat activists, including the exclusion of legal immigrants from benefits, may not appease the local teams who run get-out-thevote operations. Mr Clinton knows, however, that the Right now makes the political running in America. Mr Clinton won in 1992 by convincing voters that he was ready to redraw the boundaries of the State. To win in 1996, he had to provide concrete proof that he was ready to face down the battalions of tradition in his party. This he has now done.

A TALE OF TWO SUMMERS

Nothing compares with the unique British seaside experience

A hundred summers ago Queen Victoria celebrated her diamond jubilee with a conference of prime ministers from all her colonies. The Colonial Secretary. Joseph Chamberlain, declared that the Empire must unite if it was to survive the growing power of continental rivals. At Bexhill Lord de la Warre's XI beat the touring Australians. A newspaper entitled the Daily Mail began publication: its competitors expressed doubts about whether there was a niche in the market for it. And at Eastbourne, Susanna Barratt and her 18-year-old daughter Sarah opened a boarding house for the booming British summer holiday trade.

Today Queen Victoria's great-great-grand-daughter sits on the throne. The British Empire is one with Nineveh and Tyre. No English XI is likely to beat the Australians at Bexhill, or elsewhere. But, as we report on page 6, the Barratt's York House Hotel in Eastbourne is still in business, having been owned and managed by the same family for a century. No other hotel has come forward to claim such continuity, so it is celebrating its centenary of the great British summer holiday alone.

In August 1896 the price of dinner, bed and breakfast for one for a week in the York House Hotel was £1 8 shillings. This August it is £252. The great-grandson of the founding matriarch who manages the hotel wishes to halt such rampant inflation, And there have been changes in other things than the tariff. Running hot water has been

installed, and television. In 1896 the first Olympic Games of the modern era were being held in Athens, mercifully without television. In 1996 guests at York House are glued to Atlanta. In 1896 fresh sea water was carried upstairs for bracing baths, and guests scandalised Victorian prudery with their bathing costumes on the parade.

Empires and dynasties pass, and the pound in the holidaymaker's pocket dwindles. But the York House Hotel is a breakwater of continuity in a surging world. From Eastbourne to Sidmouth, and from Whithy to Frinton, such comfortable seaside establishments offer the attractions of bracing bucket-and-spade escape with respectability, cream teas and a piano tinkling old tunes in the ballroom.All are part of the great British seaside heritage.

Britons have gone after the sunburn and hot sands of the Costa Brava, the Caribbean and Florida. Package tours have brought exotic oceans within the reach, purse and tourist-one-upmanship of most people. But in its annual report today the English Tourist Board shows that the great British seaside holiday is still booming after a century of change. Forget foreign temptations and alien ways. Those Barratts helped to create a peculiar British treasure in 1896. A century from now Britain will have changed in unpredictable and unimaginable ways. But come hail and high water, places such as the York House Hotel will still be plying their very British escapist trade.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Shephard's 'threat' to excellence of university research

From Professor Graham Zeilick

Sir, You report (July 29) that Gillian Shephard is to put forward a plan to the Dearing committee on higher education funding for research funding to be concentrated in a "premier league" of universities. This comes as no surprise, since a small group of vice-chancellors has been berating ministers and officials for some time now with a beguiling argument, which runs as follows:

Present funding levels imperil quality research across the whole highereducation sector; we shall soon have no research of international quality left; we know there is no extra government money, but if only ministers would ensure that all or most of the existing research money were concentrated in just a handful of institutions, then we could secure a group of internationally recognised research uni-

The argument is spurious. The higher education funding councils already distribute virtually all their funds for research on the basis of quality, and the additional funds from the research councils, charities, industry, the EU and other sources are also carefully judged and highly competi-

Oxford and Cambridge lead the field in England by a wide margin with research funds from all sources exceeding £100 million. There is then a group of five universities whose total research income ranges from about £60 million to £90 million (Birmingham, Imperial, Leeds, Manchester and University College London).

Then come a group of eight with research funding from £40 million (Bristol, King's College London, Liverpool, Queen Mary and Westfield, Sheffield, Southampton, Nottingham and Newcastle).

Is it really Mrs Shephard's wish to divert research funds from these institutions in order to sustain the others? And what about Leicester, Sussex, Warwick and others which fall off this list because of size, and the many small, highly specialised institutions of international distinction?

The simple fact is that such a policy would destroy a whole range of research universities and would have only the most modest impact on those

institutions at the top of the list. The present research funding ar-

Safety campaigning

24; also letters, July 25, 26).

Sir. I must take issue with your obit-

uary for James Tye, the Director Gen-eral of the British Safety Council (July

As somebody who worked with Tye

in the mid-1980s, and who co-author-

ed a book with him a year or so later, I

knew first-hand of his many failings.

Equally, as his Chief Press Officer

during this period, I am only too aware of the fact that he was an invet-

However, to dismiss either Tye or

the British Safety Council as not bear-

ing much investigation, as your obit-

uary does, is simply not fair. Tye's

antics brought him admirers as well

as critics, and he often campaigned on

issues, such as the availability of le-

thal weapons, that generated consid-

erable parliamentary and public sym-

scheme was tokenistic, but at least it

engendered some safety awareness in small companies, many of which were

unlikely ever to receive an official in-

spection. The Safety Council offered a

range of information, training and

the inertia of official institutions,

which allow incidents such as the

Hungerford massacre to repeat them-

selves before anything is done. That is

why Tye flourished; not simply be-

cause he was a self-publicist, but be-

cause the public needed somebody

like him, whatever his motives, to

cause mischief and question accepted

The public are often exasperated by

Tye's National Safety Awards

From Mr Tim Challis

erate self-publicist.

publicity services.

Yours faithfully,

TIM CHALLIŚ,

July 26.

25 Victoria Terrace,

pathy.

rangements already reward the most successful and encourage them to grow bigger. They are rewarded fi-nancially for recruiting good staff from other universities but there is no evidence that the work done in these bigger departments is any better than what was being done in their previous

institutions. This Government's policies on student expansion coupled with reductions in unit funding already threaten the international standing and quality of our university system. This latest proposal suggests it is now bent on destroying the research status of most of Britain's research universities,

Some of us will resist this misguided and pernicious development at every opportunity.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM ZELLICK (Principal). Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London, El 4NS.

From the Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge

Sir. The national academies' group which studied the "Research Capability of the University System", which I chaired, did not support a "super league scheme" for British universities, as your report comes perilously close to implying. We were gravely concerned at the underfunding of the university system, not least for research; and in our view this would lead inevitably to a concentration of research funds in some university departments rather than others, based on the national assessments of research quality.

In short, we were particularly concerned to maintain the excellence of UK research measured against international standards, in whatever university it is to be found.

Yours faithfully, DAVID HARRISON, The Master's Lodge, Selwyn College, Cambridge.

From Dr B. W. Manley, FEng

Sir, While universities remain seriously underfunded it is indeed imperative only to reward excellence in research. However, that is assessed at the departmental level within universities, not at the level of the whole uni-

Government was to remove the division between polytechnic and university and to provide a single funding structure that would reward excellence wherever it was present; for this same Government to propose returning to a two-tier system is perverse, and would lose all that has been gained on both sides of the divide. Some of our "new" universities do good research in particular sectors, sometimes not matched by many older uni-

One of the great advances of this

versities. None is good at everything. Excellence in research must be rewarded at a level of funding that will ensure that it is of a world class. There are two solutions. We could fund our university research at a level equivalent to that in Germany, Japan, France or the USA, where the national benefits that it brings are recognised. Or we must find ways of rationing what we have. The mechanism is already in place to do that through the four-yearly research assessment exercise; we do not need to invent superuniversities in order to make the best

of a bad job. Yours sincerely, BRIAN MANLEY (Senior Vice-President, Royal Academy of Engineering, 1994-96), Hopkins Crank, Ditchling Common,

From the Principals of the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh

Hassocks. Sussex.

Sir. In your report on plans for "a 'premier league of British universities" you list eight top research spenders. In that list, however, you omit the two leading Scottish universities.

The latest available data (for 1994-95) show the universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow at 5th and 7th in the UK respectively, as gainers both of external research grants and contracts, and of research allocations from funding councils. Both our universities, therefore, must figure prominently in any elite cadre of British

GRAEME DÁVIES. Principal, University of Glasgow STEWART SUTHERLAND, Principal, University of Edinburgh, The University of Glasgow, Glasgow G12 8QQ.

Britain's lack of success in Atlanta

From Councillor Dr Paul Walker

Sir. The current furore over our dismal performance in Atlanta ("Medal famine prompts a ministerial intervention", later editions, July 31; letters, August I) is a cause for surprise; the low medal count itself is not. It was entirely predictable.

As a practising epidemiologist I know, as an empirically demonstrable fact, that the parts of a population are representative of the whole. Thus, for example, in a population which consumes a lot of alcohol there will be a high proportion of people who are alcoholics and problem drinkers. In a population with a low overall consumption the equivalent proportion will be low. So also with sporting performance. Our performance at the Olympics, as in soccer, tennis, cricket, etc, is thus a reflection of a low overall sporting prowess nationally — at rep-

This state of affairs is widely and wrongly ascribed to inadequate facili-ties and financial support. The true underlying cause of our generally low level of sporting attainment, like that of our low levels of academic, research and managerial achievements, is the prevalent depressed state of the natonal psyche — the much talked-about lack of "feel-good" factor is only the tip of the iceberg. This state is itself caused by, among other things, decades of poor or misguided political leadership and our pervasive backward-looking

resentative, club and community lev-

culture. Sporting performance is not a dissociated entity. Like handwriting, gait, speech, etc, in individuals it is an important indicator of the collective psyche and one that merits serious attention - not just the application of nostrums such as sports scholarships and a sports academy (report, July 25).

Yours sincerely. PAUL WALKER, 8 Church Avenue, Sneyd Park, Bristol, Somerset. August 1.

From Mr Geoffrey Peake

Sir. As in so many other walks of British life, the reason for our lacklustre sporting performance seems to be that there is no committed or sustained long-term investment. Instead of continuing to trundle out, time after time, sportspersons who have reached, if not gone past, their "sell by date", we should be supporting and preparing future generations for sustained good performances. It is embarrassing to see people appear at events who cannot succeed and should have retired gracefully at the right time.

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY PEAKE, 113 Mottram Old Road, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

From Mrs S. Prichard

Sir, Our first, and so far only, gold medal winner is a man who has devoted his life to the true Olympic spirit and, in the history of the Games, is only the fourth person to achieve a gold medal in four consecutive Games: so shouldn't it have been rower Steven Redgrave who had the honour of prime position on the front page of The Times this morning rather than Linford Christie?

Yours faithfully, S. PRICHARD, North End House, Chiddingfold, Surrey. July 29.

Cabbies' hours From Mr Peter Gibson

Sir, Mr Geoffrey Orme (letter, July 31) asks whether black-cab drivers are subject to the same hours restrictions as other commercial drivers. The answer is that licensed taxi drivers in London are self-employed and as such their hours are not subject to any restrictions. The type of work they do means several natural breaks - quiet periods of trade and meal stops for example — during the day/night.
The Radio Taxis driver who took

the young lady from Waterloo to Dundee (report, later editions, July 25) took several breaks on the way there. On his return he stopped and slept for four hours before continuing home. and then took two days off.

Yours etc. PETER GIBSON (Head of Strategic Development). Radio Taxis. Mountview House, Lennox Road, N4. August 1.

A cup overflowing?

From Dr R. C. Cooledge

Sir, Mr Terence Wiseman (letter, July 29) remarks that the Reverend David Burrell has withdrawn his acceptance of the post of Priest-in-charge of 12 parishes in Norfolk, and wonders whether his notepaper was not large

Interestingly I learn that he has now accepted the post of Priest-incharge of Culford, West Stow and Wordwell, Flempton with Hengrave and Lackford, Fornham All Saints, Fornham St Martin with Fornham St Genevieve, and Timworth.

Yours faithfully, R. C. COOLEDGE, Conewood House, 10 Parklands Green, Fornham St Genevieve, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, July 30.

Medical safeguards

Todmorden, West Yorkshire,

From the General Secretary of the Society of Chiropodists and **Podiatrists**

Sir. Your report (July 24, later editions) that the Joint Consultants Committee has recommended that each specialist profession must agree which medical procedures could safely be delegated to non-doctors includes a reference to poorly trained and inadequately supervised chiropo-dists. This, by implication, includes those that are state registered.

Anyone can set up in a private practice as a chiropodist but to become state registered, and thus to work in the NHS, a chiropodist must complete a three-year honours degree course. A state-registered chiropodist would undoubtedly recognise "signs of poor circulation caused by heart disease" and make an appropriate and immediate referral to a registered medical practi-

This Society would entirely support the initiative of the Joint Consultants' Committee to regulate surgical practice. However, we would remind the medical profession that state-registered chiropodists are independent pracninoners who have developed, a successful approach to minor foot surgery, based upon rigorous training, assessment and examination involving supportive members of the Royal College of Surgeons. The Department of Health encour-

aged the development of such surgery in the NHS in the Report of the Joint DoH/NHS Chiropody Task Force of

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN TROUNCER, General Secretary, Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists. 53 Welbeck Street, WI.

From the President of The Royal College of Radiologists

Sir, When a patient consults a doctor, together they address a clinical problem. The doctor may then seek assistance from non-medical health staff through a process of proper delegation, but retains responsibility for the

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health professionals concentrated on surgical procedures but the questions raised by the Joint Consultants Committee's document apply equally to non-surgical activities, including diagnostic procedures. Thus when a specialist refers a patient to a consultant radiologist in an

welfare of the patient throughout the

process. Your report on medical tasks

performed by non-medically qualified

X-ray department, he or she may be examined by a non-medically qualified radiographer. In these circumstances we suggest the patient should always be told the status of the person undertaking the examination and that of the medically qualified consultant radiologist responsible for the work of that member of staff.

There is a need for a public debate on the issue of non-medical health professionals extending their role but we suggest the general medical training given to doctors before they specialise is an important safeguard for a patient whose illness may not always fit into a narrow area of special skill.

Yours faithfully, M. J. BRINDLE, President, The Royal College of Radiologists, 38 Portland Place, W1. July 28.

Forthcoming

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE August I: His Excellency Mr Ashworth Elwin and Mrs Elwin were received in farewell audience by The Queen W and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his bein: appointment as High Commissioner for the Commonrun I wealth of Dominica in London.

Her Majesty, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Royal And Ar Lancers, received Lieutenant-Baron Colonel Alick Finlayson upon Twelfit relinquishing his appointment Across as Commanding Officer and Where Lieutenant-Colonel Rudi Who o Wertheim upon assuming the But wi appointment.

Lieutenant-General Sir For bl Richard Swinburn (Colonel. Or me The Queen's Royal Lancers) In me was present. Or mu His Excellency Mr Roy

Orma His Excellency Mr Roy Doall MacLaren was received in As tr audience by Her Majesty "Rog upon his appointment as High Commissioner for Canada in

Mrs MacLaren was also received by The Queen. His Excellency Mr Salv Stellini and Mrs Stellini were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Malta in London.

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Mr Charles Noble was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him

with the Insignia of Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order.

Mr Kevan Yoxall was received by The Oueen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Royal Air Force Lossiemouth from Norway this afternoon and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Morayshire (Air Vice-Marshal George Chesworth).

His Royal Highness, Honorary Air Commodore, later visited Royal Air Force Kinloss. Forres. Sir Brian McGrath was in

attendance. ST JAMES'S PALACE August 1: The Prince of Wales, Patron. Music in Country Churches, this evening attended a Concert in the Church of St Peter. Wolferton, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk

LODGE. RICHMOND PARK August 1: Princess Alexandra today visited the Golden Jubilee Stewartry Show at Wallets Marts Fields. Castle Douglas, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Stewartry of Kirkcudbright (Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Arthur).

(Sir Timothy Colman, KG).

THATCHED HOUSE

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the summe camp of the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment at Thetford. Norfolk, at 11.45.

The Prince of Wales, as President of The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, will visit a construction prolect undertaken by founds tion course students of the Institute at Ewhurst, Surrey, at 11.40; will visit the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, Chichester, at 12.30; and will open he new Visitors' Centre. West Dean Gardens, at 150. Later he will visit West Dean College.

Premium Bonds

The El million prize in the Premium Bond draw for August was won with bond number 39WZ 261072. The winner lives in Clwyd, and has a bond holding of \$19,190.

Service dinner

221 Squadron RAF Mr Joe Crawshaw, Chairman of 221 Squadron RAF Old Comrades Association, received the guests at a reunion dinner held last night at the New Norfolk Hotel, Birming-ham, of former members of the Soundron and their ladies.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Nicholas Wiseman. Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster 1850-65. Seville, 1802: Henry Olcott, co-founder of the Theusophical Society, Orange, New Jersey, 1832; Francis Marion Crawford, novelist, Bagni di Lucca, Italy, 1854: Sir Arthur Bliss. Master of the Queen's Musick 1953-75, London, 1891.

DEATHS: William II (Rufus), reigned 1087-1100. New Forest, Hampshire, 1100: Thomas Gainsborough, painter, London, 1788; lacques Montgolfier, pioneer of ballooning. Annonay, France. 1799: "Wild Bill" Hickok. US Marshal, murdered, Deadwood, Dakota, 1876: Enrico Caruso, tenor, Naples, 1921: Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, Beinn Bhreagh, Nova Scotia, 1922: Warren Harding, 29th American President 1921-23, San Francisco, 1923; Paul von Hindenburg, President of the Wei-mar Republic 1925-34, Neudich, 1934: Louis Blériot, first person to fly the Channel (1909), Paris, 1936; Pietro Mascagni, composer, Rome, 1945; Wallace Stevens, poet. Hartford, Connecticut, 1955: Fritz Lung. film director. Los Angeles, 1976:

1978. Death duties were introduced into Britain, 1894. Iraq invaded Kuwait, 1990.

Carlos Chavez, composer. Mexico.

Birthdays today

Mr Eddie Bell, executive chairman and publisher, HarperCollins Publishers, UK, 47; Mr John Bowis, MP, 51; Mr John Broome, founder. Alton Towers Theme Park. 53; Mr John Gale, theatre producer. 67; Sir John Hannam, MP, 67: Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, Reuters Holdings. 60: Professor George Jenkins. haematologist, 69; Dr George Kimble, geographer, 88: Sir Reginald Murley, surgeon, 80: Lord Murray of Epping For-est, 74; Lord Justice Neill, 73;

Mr Peter O'Toole, actor. 64: Professor Sir Michael Peckham, oncologist, 6i; Mr Richard Simmonds, chairman, Countryside Commission and former MEP. 52; Professor Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, mathematician, 69; Ms Rose Tremain, novelist and playwright, 53; Mr Alan Tuffin, trade unionist, 63; Lord Waddington, QC, 67: Mr Alan Whicker, broadcaster, 71: Lord Wigram, 81; Sir Brian Wolfson, former chairman. Wembley Stadium, 61.

Ingeborg Pertwee at the memorial service yesterday for her husband, with their son Sean, and Bill Pertwee

Memorial service for Jon Pertwee

A SERVICE of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Jon Pertwee was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. Canon Roger Royle officiated.

Mr Kenneth Earle, Mr Lance Percival, Mr Stuart Money, Mr Nick Courtney, Mr Bill Pertwee, Mr George Evans, Mr David Jacobs and Miss June Whitfield paid tribute. Among others present were.

Mrs Pertwee (widow). Mr and Mrs Sean
Pertwee (son and daughter-in-law). Miss
Dariel Pertwee idaughter, Mrs Michael
Pertwee (sister-in-law). Mr and Mrs Tim
Pertwee. Michael Pertwee. Miss Tara Pertwee.
Mr and Mrs Gordon Pertwee, Miss Tania
Pertwee. Miss Tania

Pertwee.
Lord Rix, Mr TJ Aitchison, Mrs David Jacobs,
Mrs Beryl Vosburgh, Mr Leslie Phillips, Miss
Caroline John, Mr Ed Stewart, Miss Elizabeth
Seal. Miss Sylvia Syrns, Miss Nicola Bryant,
Mrs Jo Evans, Mr and Mrs Derek Bond, Mr

Sir Fitzroy Maclean

the memorial service for Sir Fizzoy Maclean of Dunconnel at

The Hon Simon

the Hon Simon Weinstock will be held at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on Friday, Octo-

ber 4. at 3pm. Admission will be by

ticket only. Those wishing to attend should write to Mrs P.

Newton, I Stanhope Gate. London

Magame Kazuko

A Memorial Mass, to give thanks for the life and work of Kazuko Aso

(Mrs Takakichi Aso, Hon DBE),

will be held at the Church of the

Immaculate Conception, Farm Street. Maylair, London, WI at

10.00am on Monday, October 14.

1996. All friends will be welcome.

A service of thanksgiving for the

life of Tony Bethell will be held at Beverley Minster on Monday,

Mr Tony Bethell

August 19, at 2,30pm.

Company

Wax Chandlers'

The following have been installed officers of the Wax Chandlers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr David J. La Niece;

Upper Warden. Mr Michael Har-

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of Dunconnel

John Bullock. Mr Derek Gibney. Mr Nicholas Parsons. Mr John Rye. Mr Barry Cryer. Mr J Noon. Mr George Likas. Mr George Gee. Mr James Pertwee. Mr and Mrs George Sewell. Mr Tim. Davies. Miss Prunella Briance. Mr and Mrs Mike MacCabe. Miss Fernanda Marlowe. Mr and Mrs A N F Powys.

Mr Paul Raitigan, Mr John Scon Marnin. Mrs Rae Whalley. Miss G Byam-Grounds. Miss Margaret Hayward. Mr James Head. Mr Peter Miss. Mr Lawrence Barnon. Mr Robin Pritchard. Mr Daniel Cohen. Mr and Mrs Roy Stephens. Mr and Mrs Jerremy Bentham. Mr Briam Miller. Miss Elisabeth Sladen. Mr and Mrs Malcolm Juleff. Mr Jeremy Boit, Mr Henry Leapman, Mr Mark Galiss. Mr Charles Treslse. Mr Robert Ettinger. Mr Philip Eminger. Mr Dennis Kiriland. Mr Richard Leaf.

Mr Simon da Costa, Mr and Mrs John Leveson Mr Anthony Hugo, Mr Michael Ward, Mr and Mrs Raymond Lynch, Mr Richard A Batten, Mr Eddie Rowland, Mrs Wendy Baker, Mr David Foster, Mr Tony Birch, Mr Chris Emmett, Mr Tony Hare, Mr Paul Vyse, Mr Grahame Flynn, Mr John Nathan Turner, Mr

Parnborough, Mr and Mrs Keith Hornby Priestnail.

Mr Alf Pearson (Prince Rat, representing the King Rat of the Grand Order of Water Rats with Mr David Bereias and Mrs Berglas, Mr Len Lowe, Mr foe Church, Mr Johnny Mans, Mr Rex Roper, Mr David Kaye and other members of the order.

Miss Rostyn Oliver (The Royal Theatrical Fund), Mrs Rosemary Stevens (Acnors Benevolent Fund), Dr Andrew N Eaton and Ms Sarah Fowler (Dr Who Appreciation Society), Mrs Merilyn Harris (BBC), Mrs Lisa Parkes (Walton Theatre Collection), Mr Albert Critoph (British Music Hall Society), Mr Robin Barter (Concern Antistes' Associationi, Mr C J A Smith (Comic Heritage), Mr Partick Newley (Stage and Television Todgy), Mr Roy Turner (Duncan William Films), Miss Marie Joseph (Gallery First Nighters) and Mr Keith Pusey (chairman, PHAB) and Mrs Pusey.

Ancient monument is

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

noon on Wednesday, September 25. 1996, at St George's, Hanover Square, London Wl. As space is A PREHISTORIC henge, regshould apply to Mrs Susun Stafford. 10 Welbeck Way. London WIM 7PE, telephone 0171-935 0075. istered as an Ancient Monument by English Heritage, has been shown to be modern. The "henge", thought to be a ritual site more than four thousand years old, seems to be the result of coal-mining activities earlier this century. A Memorial Concert in memory of

The embarrassing error was spotted by the use of sophisticated archaeological prospection techniques, which yielded magnetic readings incompatible with the presumed henge construction. Although the precise nature of the site is still not clear, it may be the result of experiments on how coal dust explodes, carried out before the First World War.

The site, at Altofts, near Normanton. West Yorkshire, consisted of a broad low oval earthwork standing up to a metre high. Its hollow centre was lower than the ground outside, unusual in prehistoric monuments, but the site was classed as a henge by English

Heritage. Henges, of which Stonehenge and Avebury are the most famous examples, are banked enclosures with an internal ditch. They have long been defined as "ritual" monuments, with those dated falling between 3500 and 2000 BC.

A magnetic gradiometer survey of the Altofts site in 1988 produced readings which were too high for a henge, and a new investigation was carvey; Renter Warden, Lieutenant | a new investigation was car-Commander Nicholas Bailey, RN. | ried out using soil augering to

modern invention for 1995-96: obtain profiles of the deposits,

and the magnetic susceptibility and viscosity of the soils were measured. Comparison of the "origi-nal" soil profiles near by with those in the "henge" showed that the latter included coal slag, charcoal, and large amounts of gritty, burnt-looking materials. The degree of weathering suggested that perhaps a century had passed

since the soil was formed. When magnetic susceptibility readings were taken, the conclusion that strong reducing and reoxidi ing had taken place was

corroborated. "The results suggest most strongly that this feature is not a henge," the journal Archaeological Prospection reports. It may be related to the mining industry - the Stanley Main coal seam outcrops near by. A fascinating possibility is

that the site results from experiments carried out into the explosion hazards of coal dust in 1908-09. Surface galleries were built and coal dust ignited in them to test explosive force under different conditions.

This would explain the crater-like appearance of the "henge". If so, English Heritage may have lost a prehistoric monument, but gained a rare insight into the Edwardian industrial age. Source: Archaeological Pros-

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Mr A.W.G. Bell

and Miss J.L. Harrison The engagement is announced between Aidan, son of Mr and the Hon Mrs R.P.M. Bell, of St Cross, Winchester, and Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F. Harrison, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire,

Mr A. Cecconi

and Miss H. Pritchard The engagement is announced between Adrian, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Cecconi. of Rowington, Warwickshire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerry Priichard, of Solihull. West Midlands.

Mr G.A. Charles and Miss S.G. Murray-Walker The engagement is announced between Gerard, younger son of Mr and Mrs LR. Charles of Lytham St Annes, and Sarah. daughter of Mr and Mrs R.I. Murray-Walker, recently of

Walhampton School, of Hatherop, Gloucestershire. Mr P.A. Cranfield

and Miss V. Scott-Brown The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mrs W.I.R. Cranfield and the late Mr H.G. Cranfield, of the Rectory, East Down, North Devon, and Victoria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Scott-Brown, of the Manor House, East Down.

Mr PJ. Michael and Miss E.D. Holmes The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Sir Peter and Lady Michael, of Eddington. Berkshire, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Holmes, of Kintbury, Berkshire.

Mr J.P. Queen

The engagement is announced between Mr Jeremy Queen, MRCVS, eldest son of Mr Antony Queen, of Dolphinholme, Lan-cashire, and Mrs Mary Queen, of Garstang, Lancashire, and Miss Caroline Kingston, MRCVS, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Kingston, of Astwood Bank,

marriages Mr J.E. Fattorini and Miss C.E. Mather

The engagement is announced between Joseph, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. Fanorini, of Linton-in-Craven. North Yorkshire, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr C.R.B. Mather and the late Mrs Mather, of Forton, Lancashire.

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Mr S.A.McL. Reid-Smith

and Miss N.M. Poole The engagement is announced between Alastair, elder son of Mr and Mrs Sidney Reid-Smith, of Nailsea, Bristol, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael

Poole, of Liverpool. Mr W.T.B. Sallitt

and Miss K.D. Sahonte The engagement is announced between William, younger son of the late Mr Thomas Sallitt and of Mrs Ellen Sallitt, of Hessle, East Yorkshire, and Kamia, daughter of the late Mr J. Sahonte and of Mrs N. Sahonte, of Bedford.

Marriages

Mr T.A. Courtauld and Miss H.J. Horner

The marriage took place on July 21, at St Bowlph's Church. Chevening, of Toby Augustine, son of Mr and Mrs William Courtauld, of Turtle Cove, Hong Kong, and Henrietta, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Horner, of Underriver, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr N.M.R. Hannay and Miss K.J. Doughty The marriage took place on Sat-urday, July 27, at Kirkmabreck Church, Creetown. Wigtownshire, of Nell, son of Professor and Mrs David Hannay, Wigtownshire, and Kirsten, daughter of Mr and

Mrs John Doughty. Edinburgh. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Rosamund Walker, Miss Gilly Boyd, Miss Lindsay Doughty, Miss Suzy Doughty and Dalsy Barlow, Mr Duncan Garrett was best man. A reception was held at Kirkdale House, Wigtownshire and the

honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Church news

Appointments Canon Gordon Reid, Vicar-General of the diocese in Europe: to be also Archdeacon in Europe, same diocese. The Rev Ian Arthur, Rector,

Potton w Sutton and Cockayne Hatley: to be Priest-in-charge, Sharnbrook and Knotting w Souldrop (St Albans). The Rev Susan Austin, Associate Minister, Christ Church

LEP, Estover, Plymouth (Exeter): to be Vicar, Stevenage, Ali Saints, Pin Green (St Albans). The Rev Jonathan Baldwin, Curate, Crawley: to be Curate. Shoreham Old and New (Chichester).

The Rev Peter Clark, Team Vicar, Camber in Rye: to be

Priest-in-charge. Chiddingly and East Hoathly (Chichester). The Rev Brian Nicholson, Vicar, St John's, Colchester

(Chelmsford): to be Rector, Church Oakley w Wootton St Lawrence (Winchester). The Rev Amiel Osmaston. Director of Mission and Pastorai Studies, Ridley Hall, Cambridge (Ely): to be Field Officer, Training (Chester).

The Rev Philip Parker, Chap-

lain. Shiplake College, Henley

-on-Thames (Oxford): to be Chaplain Milton Abbey School (Salisbury). The Rev Stuart Petty, Assistant Curate, West Bromwich

St Andrew: to be Assistant Anglican Chaplain, Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust (Lichfield).

The Rev Roger Redding, licensed to officate. Bernerton Team Ministry (Salisbury): to be Team Vicar, Chalke Valley

Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev John Seaman, Vicar, Southea w Murrow. Parson Drove w Guyhirn and Ring's End: now Chaplain to the Mothers' Union (Ely). Canon Haydn Smart. Vicar.

Longthorpe, Peterborough: to be also Rural Dean of Peterborough (Peterborough). The Rev Brian Turnbull, Priest-in-charge, St Oswald, Hartlepool: to be Vicar, St

Oswald, Hartlepool (Durham), suspension of presentation having been lifted. The Rev Jim Westcott, Assis-

tant Curate, St Stephen w St John, Rochester Row, Westminster: to be Priest-incharge, St Chad, Haggerston (London). The Rev Ruth Wigram, Assis-

tant Chaplain at Airedale General Hospital, Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Curate, Holy Trinity, Skipton (Bradford): to be Vicar, Easby w Brompton on Swale and Bolton on Swale (Ripon).

The Rev Robert Yule, Team Vicar, Bestwood Village St Mark and Bestwood Emmanuel, in the Bestwood Team Ministry: to be Priest-incharge, Selston w Westwood (Southwell).

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Rector, Chearn (Southwark): to retire September 30. The Rev John Wells, Vicar, St. Paul, Hanging Heaton (Wakefield): to retire September

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PERSONAL COLUMN

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CARRINGTON - On 27th July, to Caroline (née Bertie) and Andrew, & son, Charles Alexander Francis, a brother CLAY - James Frederick born 29th July, son of Robert and Jame. Grandson of Prof. and Mrs Geoffrey Pugh and Mr and Mrs John Clay.

CRAME - On July 31st 1996, to Caroline (née Chivers) and Richard, a daughter, Emily Henrietta.

ERICHEN - On July 28th at The Portland, Hospital, to Avec (née Serpen) and Ali, a handsome baby boy, Alican manageme paoy toy, success
reaser - On 16th July, to
Belinda (née Morgan-Smith)
and Brian, a son, George
Angus Zebedee, a brother for
Camilla and Ruszi. GAWN - On 27th June, to Pamela (nee Mowatt) and Richard, a lovely daughter, Jemima Louisa Alison.

MALLEN - On July 27th 1996
ALEXANDER
The Portland Hospital, to
Dawn (ase Kelleher) and
Richard, a handsome son,
loved mother of loshus Patrick Benry. Dinklo Michael
Ebubechukwu at The
Fortland Hospital on July
26th 1996 to Berky Odinko,
a bouncing healthy baby

PERRY - On 31st July, to Elizabeth and Philip, a daughter, Hayley Bonny, a diam by Adam and Thomas ROSS - On 29th July, to Sophic (nee Makby) and Alexander a daughter, Natasha, and a OSS SIGNMEN - On 26th July, to Kristine and Paul, a daughter, Leonora Rose, a

days afterwards.

BIRTHS SATTIM - On 27th July, to Sylvie (née Franquet) and Anthony, a son, Felix Misha, a brother for Johnny Paris. TAIT - On 31st July 1996, at The Morningside Clinic, Johannesburg, to Katia (née Ribbs) and Am, a daughter, Madeleine Margaret.

MARRIAGES CANJACSWANE - On Saturday July 27th at Cheadle Huline, Cheshire, Eduardo Ferteira Ginja, younger son of Mr and Mrs José Ginja of Lisbon and Deborah Swann, elder daughter of Mr Poter Swann and Mrs Shirley White.

ARKS: TOMES - On August 1st 1996 at Chelsea Registry Office, Sam to Ellary Jane. **DEATHS**

ALEXANDER - Molly peacefully in hospital on Tucaday 30th July. Dearly loved mother of Sexan, Sally, Jame and Jimmy. Funeral Service at Slough Crematorium, Stoke Road, on Wednosday 7th August at 1 30 pm. No flowers by request but donations if desired to Age Concern c/o E. Sargant & Son, 40 Church Street, Slough, \$L1 1FL 1ct (01753) \$20081.

BOQUEROLFE - On Thursday
1st August at home after
cancer courageously borne
Philip aged 46, beloved
bushend of Kris, father of
Zoe and Kaspar and sun of
Flume and Dorothea. After blank looks from the recep-

DEATHS BROWN - (Née Burkitt)

Rathieen (Raify) on July
30th 1996 peacefully at
home in her 86th year Wife
of the late Li. Col. Bruno
Brown, beloved mother of
Carolyn and Nigel and a
much loved grandmother.
Funeral Service to take place
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Nurley on Wednesday 7th
August at 230 ym. Family
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Wakelyns, Uckfield, East the Cheales - On Iniy 30th, Father Alan O.F. of St. Dominic's Priory, Southampton Road, London NWS. Reception into Priory Church on Monday 5th August at 8 pm. Mass of the Resurrection at 12 noon on Tuesday 6th August followed by interment in 5t Mary's E.C. Cometery, Benow Roal.

COLIS - After a short illness at home. John Harry Neild, aged 95, widower of Eve, father of Michael, Anthony and Marietts. Funeral St Peter's Church, Worfield, m. Bridgnorth, Shropshire, noon, Tuesday Angust 6th. Family Howers, Donations to E.N.L.I. Donations and enquiries to Perry and

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DEEMY - Cynthia Ethrabeth peacefully after a short illness on 31st july aged 75. Widow of CG. Greswick and Dr. P.H. Deemy and dearly towed methers of Mary-Rose and Charlotte. Family flowers only. Donations it wished to Trinity Bospica, Clapham. Funeral enquiries to T.H. Sanders telt (0181) 876-4673, For Large to the Company, died peacefully on Wednesdry 31st july in hospital. Funeral on Thursday 8th August 2 pm at the South West Middless Crematorium, Hanworth. Enquiries to Lodge Bros., (019732) 785402.

DEATHS

GRACE - On 31st [niv pascefully Oliver Jelf Grace MRE TD, DE, much loved husband of Merjorie, father of Alethes, Caroline and john, grandfather of Polly, Adam, Seward, George and Ellie and friend of Annie (dog). Funeral private, thanksgiving service to be suncounced, Departions to All Saints Church, Hollingbourne or Heart of Kent Hospice, Aylesford, LE MAITRE - Andrew Christopher, on 30th July suddenly at home in Montreal Linch Loved husband of Mary, father of Alfred, Martin and William.

Afred, Martin and William.

LE MASURIER - Sir Robert
Rogh, D.S.C. (Former Bellief,
Island of Jersey) of St
Saviour jersey, died
peacefully on Theedey 30th
July 1990, aged 82 years,
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DEATHS

MATCHAM - Roper John on 1st August 1996 at home. The very dearly beloved husband of Fenny, deeply loved by his children Lesley and Lis, his sons-in-law and his five grandchildren. Funeral Service on Wednesday 7th August at 11.45 am at Worth Crumstorium. Engelries and Horeus 10 WA Tradiove & Son, tol. (01883) 345345.

ABGULEST - On 30th July, 1996, peacefully after a short illness in Battle libert in the libert in th MONAMOUND VIOLET Excelle, devoted daughter of the lane hajor and Mrs. Herbert. Pankhurst and mister to the late Commander Elchard. Pankhurst RM. Admired and respected by Isanity and fidencia, she will be missed. Furstral Service at Handlay Crematorium on Wednasday 7th August at 11.15 am. Family flowers only or Family flowers only or Family flowers only or Family flowers only or donations in her memory for 'The International Gancoma Association' c'o AB. Walter and Son Limited.

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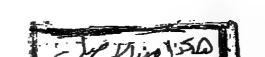
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PROFESSOR JOHN LORBER

John Lorber, paediatrician, died on July 2 aged 80. He was born on October 12, 1915.

JOHN LORBER'S career in paediatrics exemplified the value that the National Health Service gives to child care, but it also led him into the very centre of problems that arise when advancing medical care comes into conflict with ethics and the economics of survival.

Born in Budapest, where his father was the director of a private medical clinic, Lorber attended the Lutheran public school in that city. From there ne went on to train as a doctor at the University of Pecs and, later, at the University of Budapest. He also spent periods working at the University of Helsinki and in the Department of Neurosurgery at Manchester University. In 1938, thanks to the political

situation then prevailing under Admiral Horthy in Hungary, he and his younger brother escaped to England with virtually no money but with a bundle of unframed oil paintings and instructions from their father to sell them as a last resort. A little later their father was arrested and sent to a concentration camp, where he died. Their mother evaded the same fate by feigning death while hiding in a ditch. She also was later able to escape to England.

In Cambridge, after doing some labouring jobs. Lorber was able to continue his medical education via the university and Guy's Hospital, being supported by grants from the British Council, Fitzwilliam House, and the International Students Association. He qualified MB. ChB at Guy's Hospital in 1944 having won the Gold Medal in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He did his house physician and surgeon appointments at Guy's Hospital with A. H. Duthwaite and R. C. Brock. He then became a senior medical officer at the County Hospital, Dartford. It was in Dartford that he met his wife Joan, who was the radiographer at that hospital. He became a naturalised British subject in 1947 and obtained his

MRCP in 1948. It was in that same year that he was appointed as a research assistant in Child Health in the department of Ronald Illingworth at the University of Sheffield: He came to Sheffield just a week after the birth of the National Health Service in July 1948. He spent his whole paediatric career at the Sheffield Children's Hospital going through the stages of being Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Reader and, in 1979.



becoming Professor of Paediatrics. In later years in his introductory lectures to students Lorber would always ask: "Do you know who was the greatest paediatrician of all time?" The answer remained after his 33 years at the Sheffield Children's Hospital: Aneurin Bevin, the father of the

National Health Service." In Sheffield his first work was with Spyros Doxiadis related to acute rheumatic fever but he was soon diverted to the problems of childhood tuberculosis and took up this topic with great enthusiasm. At that time tuberculosis was an extremely common condition in childhood (there were up to 50 deaths a year from it in the hospital) and a wing of the hospital. which was known as "the block" (a discarded child reformatory), was put over entirely to treating these children.

Lorber took an active role in the treatment of tuberculosis with Streptomycin and completed his MD thesis on this subject for the University of disastrous. The medico-surgical unit Cambridge in 1951. He set up one of the ment of spina bifida in the world. The result of this was that cases were referred to Sheffield from almost all parts of the world and a very large number of children were treated there. A major strength of Sheffield over rival units in Liverpool and Carshalton was the meticulous recording work carried out by Lorber with these children. This embusiastic treatment led to the local development of special commun-

ity support units and special schools in the belief that a cure had been largely found for this severe deformity. However, it soon became apparent that there had been an excessive degree of medical optimism. There was an increasing number of surviving children whose quality of life was poor and who would never be self-supporting. Lorber had a profound sympathy with such children and these disasters had a very great effect upon him. He managed to survive by taking the step of introducing the concept of selection before treatment

The vast number of cases of children treated in Sheffield enabled Lorber to work out "at birth" criteria related to the child's likely condition at ten years and he put forward criteria for a selection for treatment at birth. This provoked one of the most active and in some ways acrimonious disputes relating to child care of this century. Lorber set out the situation as he saw it in his Milroy Lecture to the Royal College of Physicians in 1975. His advocacy that certain children should not be treated but should be "allowed to die" in infancy affected almost every branch of paediatric care, and in particular nursing care, where "custodial care" was seen by some as child murder by

deliberate neglect. His criteria for selection have now become standard practice guidelines throughout the world - though his name in paediatrics will undoubtedly remain at the centre of what is perhaps the major medical and ethical problem of this century: the extent to which technical advances in surgery and medicine have led to the survival of children whose quality of life is so much reduced that the very ethics of their survival becomes questionable.

John Lorber was fortunate in having an able and supportive wife and her care for him in the terminal years of his life when he was smitten with an Alzheimer's-type disease equalled his own sympathy in the care of sick children. They had no children of their own but adopted two.

He is survived by his wife Jean, and his adopted son and daughter.

MARIE-ANTOINETTE LADD

former French governess to the Queen, died on July 28 aged 92. She was born on April 15, 1904.

THE Oueen's admirable com mand of the Prench language owes much to the tuition of Marie-Antoinette Ladd who served as a governess from 1941 to the Princesses Eliza beth and Margaret. More widely known as Toni de Bellaigue — Toinon to her friends — she taught the young princesses French land guage and European history But Marie-Antoinette Ladd

was to become more than just a governess to the Queen. Despite the age gap between them and despite the fact that she lived abroad for several years, her relationship with the Queen survived through out the half-century which has elapsed since she ceased to be the Queen's governess. When in recent years she returned to live in London, her relationship with the Queen became, perhaps, even closer. Wellread and with a penetrating intelligence, she was an especially good listener and in-tensely loyal. The Queen and she freely discussed the many interests they had in common. Marie-Antoinette Ladd was

born Marie-Antoinette Willemin in Nivelles, Belgium. In 1928 she married a French nobleman, the Vicomte Pierre de Bellaigue, by whom in 1931 she had twin sons. She lived for a short time in Almeria where her husband was a mining engineer, but was forced by the climate and political unrest in Spain to take her sons to England where they were educated. She was on holiday with them in Belgium in May 1940 and was one of the last travellers to leave the country, via Calais, and return to England.



After a short spell of teaching in a finishing school in Wales which she never enjoyed, Marie-Antoinette was recommended by Lady Crewe for the post of Governess to the two daughters of Lord and Lady Hardinge of Penshurst. At the time Lord Hardinge was Principal Private Secre-tary to King George VI and was living in Winchester Tower, Windsor Castle.

So successful had Marie-Antoinette Willemin proved as a teacher that Lord Hardinge recommended her to King George VI in 1941, and she was asked to succeed "Monty" Montaubon Smith as French governess to the two prin-cesses, a post which she held till 1948.

Her marriage to her first husband did not long survive the war and she subsequently married first Eugene Untermyer, a New York lawyer, and

death in 1960, William Ladd, an international banker. From then on she lived partly in England but much of the time in Lebanon and America. Ladd died in 1987 and Marie-Antoinette took up permanent residence in London. She lived alone in Chelsea, dispensing hospitality to her friends and delighting in the achievements of her sons and their families, which culminated in the appointment as GCVO of her son Geoffrey on his retirement as Director of the Royal Collection earlier this year.

She is survived by her two sons, one of whom, Geoffrey, now lives with his wife. Shella, who is Registrar of the Queen's Archives, in that part of the tower of Windsor Castle. where his mother had first gone to live when she had worked in the castle 55 years

NIC OLIVIER

Nie Olivier, South African academic, antiapartheid activist and politican, died on July 9 ember 15, 1919.

AS AN eminent academic and liberal golitician, Nic Olivier incurred the wrath of successive apartheid governments for his prominent stand against their policies.

He was a leading figure in the National Party's inner circle until 1960 when, in exasperation, he turned his back on white minority rule to become a vocal opponent. At the time he was the most prominent Afrikaner academic to speak out publicly against apartheid and in the following years his courageous opposition to the Nationalists simultaneously made him many cnemies and inspired a generation of Afrikaans liberal

One of 13 children born to an artisan father in the remote village of Pearston in the

brought up in a traditional Afrikaans home on a diet of boerewors, biltong and the Bible. His mother had been sentenced to death by the British during the Boer War for supplying provisions to Boer commandos — the sentence was later commuted -and though poor his parents were determined that their children should get ahead. After attending the local sec-ondary school Olivier, supported by a public bursary, went on in 1938 to study at Stellenbosch University,

where he took a degree in law. After taking a masters degree in African administrative law he was appointed to the teaching staff of the university in 1946. Five years later at the age of 32 he became one of the youngest professors in South African history. Throughout these years he was a committed Nationalist.

But in 1954 his life was turned upside when he was appointed to the technical staff



of the Tomlinson Commission. The commission was set up to give flesh and bones to the apartheid thinking behind the segregation of Africans into their own territories. It recommended simultaneous economic and social development in order to sustain populations living in those areas. But the architect of apartheid, Hendrik Verwoerd,

fairs and later Prime Minister, would not accept the development proposal. Olivier, increasingly opposed to the development of the apartheid system along Verwoerdian lines, left the party in 1960.

most active community units in the

country. This, combined with his very

early introduction of BCG vaccination

and his meticulous follow-up proce-

dures made Sheffield one of the first

major cities to eliminate lethal child-

and tuberculosis had been largely mastered and the problem of birth defects, in particular meningomyelo-

cele and hydrocephalus, came to the fore. At this time Sheffield was fortu-

nate in having two surgeons who were very active in this field, the general paediactric surgeon Robert Zachary

and the orthopaedic surgeon John

Lorber combined with these innova-

tory surgeons to set up a comprehen-

sive surgical and medical treatment

programme for some children. At that

time this was a somewhat revolution-

ary concept as the outcome for these

children had been almost universally

By the 1950s acute rheumatic fever

hood tuberculosis.

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Verwoerd was furious and set out to undermine Olivier. He was instrumental in having him thrown out of the South African Bureau for Racial Affairs, an Afrikaans equivalent of the Institute for Race Relations and, under pressure from the authorities, previously sympathetic Afri-kaner academics shunned their colleague. It was during this period in the early 1960s that he divorced his Afrikaner wife and married a Jewish South African called Jose who ran a hotel in Stellenbosch.

Despite these trials and tribulations Olivier was known for his gregarious and warm nature. His tutelage presented hundreds of traditionally-minded Afrikaans students with an alternative

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then Minister of Native Af- political perspective to which they might otherwise never have been exposed. Several went on to become involved in anti-apartheid politics and spoke of how they had been influenced by Olivier.

Almost inevitably Olivier was drawn into the political fray and for many years was a central figure on the opposition benches in parliament. In 1974 he became the United Party MP for Edenvale, a post he held for three years, and between 1980 and 1988 was an indirectly elected Progressive MP before he gave up his seat in early 1989 for Zach De Beer shortly before the PFP became the Democratic Party.

In addition to elected positions, he was director of research in the party. In that capacity he brought his academic knowledge and skills to bear on the political process. producing high quality analyses of policies and legislation. In many ways this helped to shape opposition to these measures and in some cases forced the amendment of discriminatory legislation.

According to friends in the last years of his life. Olivier was an admirer of F.W.de Klerk, the National Party leader who in 1990 lifted the ban on the African National Congress and released Nelson Mandela. After the elections in 1994 Olivier was reconciled to his former political home when he took up a low key research job in the National Party. One of his legacies is the United States South African Leadership Exchange Programme which continues to

He is survived by his first wife and five sons from that

THE VEN RONALD COLE The Ven Ronald Cole.

Archdeacon of Leicester, 1963-80, died in Street. Somerset, on July 19 aged 82. He was born on October 20, 1913.

RONALD COLE was made an archdeacon in 1953 at the early age of 40, first of Loughborough and then, in 1963, of Leicester. The latter was a post in which he remained until his retirement in 1980.

Born into a very humble. devout Christian family living in south Tottenham, London, Ronald Berkeley Cole suffered from ill-health throughout much of his youth and, as a result, received only a limited On leaving school, at the

age of 14, he went to work with a firm of London stockbrokers

and, after a lengthy spell of unemployment during the Depression, joined London Freehold Properties, a propertyowning company where, after a few years, he was appointed registrar. It was here that he gained the knowledge of finance which was to serve him in such good stead in later life. While working for London Freehold Properties, he studied mathematics, English. Greek and Latin, by correspondence course rising to university matriculation standard. He then revealed, to the immense joy of his parents. that the reason for these studies had been to enable him to be accepted for training for the Ministry, which he was convinced was his vocation. He financed his time at the Low Church Bishops' College, Cheshunt, from the savings he had made during his years in business, together with his

earnings as a labourer during college vacations. Only on the last day of his final stint on a building site did he reveal to his workmates the nature of his other life. He was ordained deacon in Leicester Cathedral in 1942,

by Bishop Guy Vernon Smith,

Willesden, had confirmed him some 15 years earlier, and whom he was later to serve as his personal chaplain. He spent six years as curate of St Peter's, Braunstone, and two as succentor of Leicester Cathedral, before being appointed vicar of St Philip's, Leicester, a living which he held for 17 years. During this time he became a familiar figure on his bicycle visiting parishioners.

One of his outstanding qualities was his administrative ability, recognised by his appointment to the Church of England Central Board of Finance, where he became vice-chairman. But his preference was for pastoral work and, when he finally retired to Sheringham, Norfolk, he offered his services to the Bishop of Norwich, and became rural dean for the Repos deanery. Until a few weeks before his death he conducted services almost every Sunday throughout the northeast Norfolk

Starting in the 1960s, he had

who, as Bishop Suffragan of visited friends across the United States almost every year and preached in many Episcopalian and Presbyterian churches. His sermons, prepared at great length but delivered virtually without notes, were powerful and interesting and he maintained that he never preached the same sermon twice. When questioned about this a few years ago, however, he admitted that he had once broken this self-imposed rule.

During a visit to the Midwest he had preached a sermon in one small town and the same sermon a week later at a town over 100 miles away. Afterwards a woman member of the congregation approached him to compliment him on the sermon, while somewhat pointedly explaining that she had been so impressed the previous week that she had come to hear him preach a second time. He broke his rule again.

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COMBAT STRESS

DEATH OF LISZT.

Franz Liszt died last night at Bayreuth About a week ago his illness was announced as a mere cold. He was already ill, however. when he arrived at Bayreuth, and it was contrary to his doctor's orders that he atte the performance of Tristan und Isolde, in the series of Wagner performances last Sunday, the 25th ult. He had to be carried in an armchair into his daughter's box. It was afterwards reported that he had been in a nervous, tearful state during the whole performance. On Tuesday his cold numed to inflammation of the lungs. He lost strength rapidly, and on Friday became delirious. The last Sacraments were administered to him yesterday, and he then had a glimmering of returning consciousness, but he never com-pletely rallied. He died at the house of Herr Frohlich, near Wagner's villa Wahnfried.

Through a great part of his life Liszt was afflicted with a nervousness which almost amounted to hysteria, and this culminated at times in a religious melancholia nearly bordering on insanity. His friends tried several times to dissuade him from shutting himself up in a monastery. He had, however, almost entirely outgrown his malady when, in 1864, he took holy orders. Nor was there much

ON THIS DAY

August 2, 1866

Franz Liszt (1811-1866), prolific compose and the greatest virtuoso pianist of his day, had a charismatic personality and attracted an enormous following by no means confined to the world of music.

remnant of nervousness in Liszt at ordinary times during these latter years. He often carr to Vienna, and used to lodge in modest apartments occupied by his sister on a second floor in the Schottenhof. All day long his rooms were crowded with visitors and he seemed never to time of chatting with his company. The last time he was in Vienna I called upon him, and found him surrounded as usual by musicians, musical critics, and opera singers of both sexes. All addressed him as master, and the ladies, as well as several of the men, kissed his hand in Austrian fashion--a form of salutation to which he lent himself

with quite a pontifical complacency. He was very merry, and talked a great deal about his trip to England. I had a short conversation with him about music in our country, and he observed "England is the home of music," adding with a laugh "At least it is the home where musicians are best treated." He also remarked that there was so much congregational singing in English churches that our people in the mass probably sang more than any people on earth, and he was curious to know whether trained choirs and congregations practised much together on week days nons practised much together on week days.

"There ought to be congregational practice,"
he said: "the effect of a whole congregation
singing together in good time is magnificent.
The great pity is that in our churches we
cannot get the people to sing."

Liszt had two daughters, one of whom was
married to the French statesman, Emile
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Ollivier. She was of great intelligence, gentleness, and modesty, and was much admired by Parisian society during the brief period of her husband's Premiership in 1870, when she did the honours of his official residence in the Place Vendôme. She died some years ago. Liszr's other daughter. Cosima, was first married to Hans von Bülow, and afterwards to Richard Wagner. Liszt's funeral will take place on Tuesday. It is said that he will be buried at

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herds would be rethought..... Thousands of human embryos destroyed The Official Solicitor refused to halt the destruction of thousands of human embryos, saying a child acquires legal rights only if it is born alive. He spoke as 33 fertility clinics

Olympics wife held

The wife of a senior Olympic Games official was arrested, seemingly under the influence of alcohol, after she allegedly swore at a policewoman and kneed her in ... Page 1

British nurse drowns

A nurse drowned at the start of a South Pacific holiday to celebrate her 50th birthday and her sister's wedding anniversary. Margaret Lynch, from Meppershall, Bedfordshire, was overpowered by a ...Page 3

Royal baby goes home The baby son of Lady Sarah Catto, 14th in line to the throne. emerged from the Portland Hospital in London, still officially

without a namePage 3 Motorway blockage The sudden closure of one of Britgin's busiest motorway junctions for a year of repairs could be repeated on major routes throughout the country because of

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Eating to excess Sardines contain so much vitamin BI2 that they should only be available on prescription, it was claimed. ..., Page 5

cuts in the roads maintenance

Staying at home

Holidaymakers are spurning the heat, sea and sand of the Mediterranean and the Caribbean to stayPage 6 in England

Tory recovery

NEWS

'Mad' cows can infect their calves

The Government's efforts to restore faith in the beef industry

suffered a new setback yesterday after it disclosed evidence for

the first time that "mad cow" disease can be passed from

The demolition of previous claims that the disease could only be passed through food threw its strategy for eradicating BSE

into confusion. Ministers acknowledged that plans for the

selective slaughter of 147,000 cows from previously infected

The Tories have moved ahead of Labour as the party having the best policies on law and order and managing the economy, according to the latest MORI poli for The Times ...

Defector's attack

Iraq's flag-bearer at the Olympics, after dramatically defecting, described the "concentration camp" his homeland has become and made allegations of brutality against a cousin of President

Saddam HusseinPage 9 Redwood backs cuts John Redwood endorsed an Ame-

rican welfare reform Bill that reverses the New Deal philosophy of Franklin Roosevelt and eliminates more than six decades of guaranteed federal government assistance to millions in the United States ...

Priebke freed

An Italian military court convicted the former SS Captain Erich Priebke of his part in the massacre of 335 civilians in Nazi occupled Rome but ordered that he be released immediately on the grounds of extenuating circumstances Page 11

Lebed's star dims

More than a month after General Aleksandr Lebed swept promised to cure Russia's ills and lead it into the next century, the fortunes of the gruff soldier have begun to

Weedy bulls lose their fighting spirit

Hard on the heels of "mad cow" disease, another bovine affliction has sent a frisson of panic through aficionados of the bull-ring: weedy bull disease. Many European bulls bred for the ring have become enfeebled, making them poor adversaries for even the meekest matador, due to a combination of wet weather, inbreeding and over-feeding.....

Pumps to recycle the water used by the famous flight of 29 locks at Devizes on the Kennet and Avon Canal came into operation yesterday. The £1 million scheme allows the longest flight of broad locks in the country to be opened for the first time since 1951

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Golf: Santiago Luna, of Spain, and Thomas Bjorn, of Denmark, were ioint leaders after the first round of the Volvo Scandinavian Masters in

Rugby: Scott Gibbs is set to play his final game for St Helens rugby league club before returning to rugby union with Swansea Page 32

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Summer snapshots: Day Five of our series on top tourist attractions takes a ride through the depressing dives of Blackpool and wishes for something better ... Cross cultures: Benedict Nightingale discovers that even a Romanian theatre troupe can find some contemporary relevance in

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T.S. Eliot's Murder in the

Cathedral....

Career perspective: At the age of

37, OMD's Andy McCluskey looks back at his "boring" past with regret, and looks to the future with apprehension.

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

WILD AT HEART **How Brigitte Bardot** became France's most effective animal rights campaigner

WIN A HOLIDAY Win a family trip to America in 1015, the magazine for young Times readers

FEATURES

Tartan-skirted army: Scottish women are taking over the world - or at least TV. Is it the accent or the sternness that makes them so good in current affairs? Page 12 Valerie Grove talks to Professor John Scarisbrick, founder of Life. about the destruction of 3,000 fro-

zen embryos Winning atreak: Why no streakers in Atlanta? British sports events have had their share this year, but Americans would seem to be more prudish Page 13

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Quick brush up: Teenagers are volunteering to improve their skills or learn new ones in the holidays by attending a summer university that has been organised by Tower Hamlets.

Hands off: Education associations are not needed. Local strategy and political will can turn a failing school around, says a senior education officer Page 15

THE PAPERS Right-wing extremists will concen-

trate on breaking police strength in Lower Saxony this weekend as they celebrate the anniversary of the death of Rudolf Hess two weeks in advance of the actual date. Neo-Nazis and punks will no doubt help each other's causes - each will want to promote the anger of the other group

NODERATE

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Preview: Alan Parker (aka comedian Simon Munnery) hosts a mix of comedy and music, London Shouting (BBC2, 11.15pm). Review: Matthew Bond on a tale of two ..Page 43

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A crisis of confidence Ministers are increasingly incredible over BSE. Science is no substitute for judgment and ministerial complacency will never reassure unless accompanied by a modicum of common sense

End of the new deal

Sixty-one years after F. D. Roosevelt promised the America of the Great Depression a New Deal, President Clinton is poised to sign a radical Bill to reform the Ameri-

A tale of two summers The great British seaside holiday is still booming after a century of

COLUMNS

PETER RIDDELL

The Tories are beginning to claw back some ground in the opinion polls, but their recovery is slow and patchy. The positive news for the party is that, leaving aside monthly fluctuations, its rating is improving slowly..

BERNARD LEVIN

If parcels of boobies want to throw millions of pounds into the nearest dustbin. Mr Carman has the right to use his gigantic talents to point out where the dustbins stand

PHILIP HOWARD

Lord Moynihan saw himself as "the typical English gentleman". In the High Court, Sir Stephen Brown described him as "a thoroughly dishonest rogue". Both were right. He was that source of amusement in the comedy of manners, the

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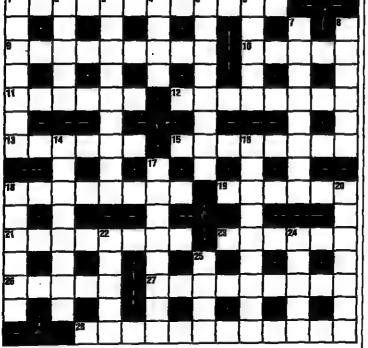
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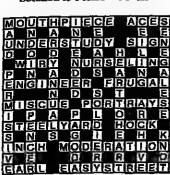
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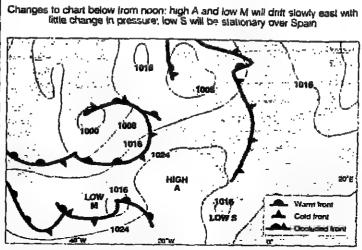
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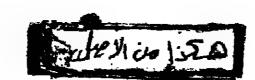
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Making their mark: Sir Christopher Lewinton, chairman of TI, and Brian Walsh, vice-chairman, are looking for bolt-on acquisitions. The engineering group increased profits by 43 per cent to £125 million in the first half. The trading outlook remains mixed. Page 22, Tempus 24

Yorkshire Electricity to boost dividend by 34%

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

YORKSHIRE Electricity yesterday kicked off what is expected to be a fresh round of bonanzas for utility shareholders, with the promise of a 34.4 per cent rise in next year's dividend. The move was seen as an attempt to thwart a windfall tax on

privatised utilities. Chris Hampson, chairman, revealed plans for the large increase in pay-out at the company's annual meeting in Grimsby. He said Yorkshire would deliver the value to shareholders because of its continuing excellent performance". The company, one of the five independent regional electricity companies, also re-

newed its remit to spend abo Ello million buying back 10 per cent of its own shares.

City analysts are expecting a spate of shareholder bonanzas from the utilities as the possibility of a Labour government - with its threat of a windfall

tax - moves closer.

A report from SBC Warburg, the broker, advises investors to expect returns of about £1.3 billion from several utilities in 1996-97, as they gear up in the approach to the election. It expects the more politically neutral share buybacks to gain in popularity.

Electricity companies are likely to deliver far greater returns because they are less limited than the water companies by capital expenditure

Since 1994 more than t billion has been returned by utility companies to shareholders in share buy-backs and special dividends. National Power made corporate history several weeks ago with

a £1.) billion special dividend. Nigel Hawkins, utilities analyst with Yamaichi, said that the threat of a utilities tax from a new government was a consideration for companies planning shareholder returns. They don't really want to serve up their balance sheets

on a platter to a Labour government," he said. On Wednesday, Thames Water spent £224.5 million buying back 10 per cent of its

Yorkshire hinted yesterday at fresh developments beyond

back authorisation. The company said that its board intends to keep the issue of further returns of value to shareholders under review". Yorkshire's net dividend

will rise to 52.66p per share, compared with a 10 per cent increase previously forecast. The increase will be cut back to more modest proportions in 1997-98, with the company expecting a 7 per cent jump on the 96-97 figure. The scale of the increase

surprised the City and Yorkshire's share price jumped 26p, to 707p. Expectations of similar action across the sector helped to lift the shares of a number of other regional elec-

tricity companies. Utilities are expected

tive political subject as election campaigning starts in earnest. Labour is thought to be nurturing an armoury of fat-cat offensives as it reinforces its arguments for a windfall tax, which could net up to £5

Mr Hampson told shareholders that their boost was complemented by benefits to customers. He announced a 6.8 per cent reduction in electricity prices for domestic and small business customers. Britain. making Yorkshire's electricity the cheapest in the country. However, 5.7 per cent of that decrease has been fuelled by the reduction in the fossil fue levy announced recently by

Deutsche set to challenge both BT and Mercury

DEUTSCHE TELEKOM is planning a serious challenge to Mercury Communications and BT in the corporate telecom-munications market by joining forces with Bell Cablemedia and Videotron.

The link with the two cable companies would give Deutsche Telekom access to the bulk of the business clients in Europe's financial capital because their franchises span Westminster, the City of London and Canary Whari.

Bell Cablemedia and Videotron, in turn, would get an instant international partner because Deutsche Telekom, along with France Telecom and Sprint, the third-largest American long-distance carrier, is a member of the Global One etes with Concert, BT's joint venture with MCI of America, and Unisource, which was formed by AT&T and several

Sources close to the talks said that equity links would tie Deutsche Telekom and the two media, in mrn, would bid for Videotron, the sixth-largest cable company.

Videotron, controlled by Groupe Videotron of Montreal. has been on the auction block for months. Videotron is expected to go to Bell Cablemedia because it already owns 26 per cent. Goldman Sachs is handling the Videotron sale, and Deutsche Telekom has hired Robert Fleming & Co to help it to build a telecoms presence in

None of the companies would comment, though it is understood that the talks are well under way, with the goal

of an announcement by the end of the month. Bringing Deutsche Telekom and Bell Cablemedia together faces complications because of the latter's ownership structure. Bell Cablemedia is owned 42 per cent by Bell Canada International, 12.3 per cent by Jones Intercable, of Denver, and 12.8 per cent by Cable and Wireess, which owns 80 per cent of Mercury Communications.

Bell Canada International in principle supports the idea of bringing Deustche Telekom on board, but C&W, observers said, may resist such a proposal because the new group could emerge as a leading competitor to Mercury in the business market.

Eurobell, a relatively small cable company that is indirectly owned by Deutsche Telekom and a trust, the beneficiary of which is J. Paul Getty. Eurobell, which considers its current ownership structure unworkable, may decide to link with Bell Cablemedia and Videotron if Deutsche Telekom completes the deal. Cable companies have com-

plained to Oftel, the telecom-BT is still approaching ex-directory cable customers to try to win them back. The complaint comes less

than two weeks after Oftel accepted BT's explanation that it did not intentionally use confidential information when it contacted the customers. BT blamed the calls on a computer encoding error.

☐ TeleWest Communications. the largest cable company, yesterday said Stephen Davidison is to become acting chief executive. Mr Davidison, who was finance director, replaces Alan Michels, who resigned on Wednesday.

Shell target

John Jennings, chairman of Shell Transport & Trading said the oil group was on target to raise its performance in spite of a downturn in profits for the second quarter. Analysts have reduced fullyear forecasts. Page 22, Tempus 24

Defence deal

The consolidation of the US defence industry took a big step forward with the \$3 billion purchase by Boeing. the world's largest aircraft manufacturer, of the defence and avionics businesses of Rockwell International. Page 23, Pennington 23

Blow over Yorkshire Water debt

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY YORKSHIRE WATER

suffered a fresh blow yesterday when Moody's credit agency downgraded its debt and raised fears over its water resources.

Moody's said its outlook
for Yorkshire Water was negative. "If the current plan proves to be inadequate, the water business faces further significant expenditures and in-creased operational risk."

The agency said there were concerns over whether the management would deliver infrastructure spending without material increases over planned levels. Moody's downgraded long-term debt from Al to Aa3. The short-term rating

Consumer confidence is lifting but not booming

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

CONSUMER confidence is gradually improving across the country but there is no sign of a 1980s-style boom, according to a survey published today by Business Strategies.

the economic consultancy.

David Fell, the director responsible for the quarterly consumer survey, said that the consumer side of the economy was picking up strongly. However, he gave warning that it was the generally high level of confidence that was impressive rather than any sign of rapid improvement.

The proportion of people who feel optimistic rather than pessimistic about the economic situation was double that recorded two years ago but still slightly lower than the same time last year. Optimism

about household finances was about the same as a year ago but there was a definite, although small, improvement in the proportion of people more willing to take the risk of a major purchase. The overall measure of con-

sumer sentiment - 15 - was the same as in the first and third quarters of last year but nevertheless marked a large improvement from the 10 recorded two years ago. The Business Strategies finding came after another survey yesterday from the

Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, which showed that British manufacturing expanded marginally for the second month in a row. It also showed that, for the

production and orders of consumer goods that have been the most buoyant sector. Orders of investment goods, which had been falling for five months, also returned to

The overall Purchasing Managers' Index rose to 50.9 in July, compared with 50.7 in June. Output rose but at a slightly lower rate than in June. Any figure above 50 shows manufacturing is expanding, while a figure below that shows a contraction.

The most stunning element of the survey was that the institute's Prices Index fell to a new record low, proof that no inflationary pressures are emanating from industry and backing forecasts that retail prices are set to fall further.

House price rise 'highest for 7 years'

the electricity regulator after

the flotation of British Energy.

By OUR CITY STAFF

HOUSE prices rose last month at their highest rate for almost seven years, according to fig-ures today from the Halifax Building Society. Prices for all types of homes were 5.3 per cent ahead of July last year, the fastest pace of increase since October 1989 and up from 4.0 per cent in June.

The cost of a property rose 0.5 per cent between June and July after a 0.4 downward blip between May and June, the only

monthly fall for almost a year.

A spokesman for the Halifax, the UK's largest mortgage lender, said July's reversal of June's small fall supported the society's view that prices should remain broadly stable over the summer before starting to edge up again towards the end of the year.



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Psion paid £1.5m in fees over Amstrad

second month running, it is



Potter: fees relatively "modest"

By Jason Nisse

PSION, the maker of hand-held computers, spent £1.5 million in fees to City firms that investigated whether it should go ahead with its aborted £230 million bid approach for Amstrad, the electronics group run by Alan Sugar.

David Potter, Psion chairman, said the fees included work on assessing other potential purchases, and added: They are modest when compared with what they would have been had we proceeded with the transaction."

Psion employed two merchant banks, Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Charterhouse, two firms of lawyers, Slaughter & May and Paisners, and

Arthur Andersen, the accountant, and Brunswick, the public relations firm. It began talking to Amstrad - after an approach by Mr Sugar - only in May and ended the talks last month when the two sides failed to agree on a price.

Even at top City rates of £300 an hour, the fees equate to 5,000 person hours on the case, or 3.5 professionals working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for all of the negotiations. Mike Langley, Psion finance direc-

tor, said that the fees were agreed before the talks. "This was a potentially extremely important acquisition for Psion and we needed the fullest and most professional advice," he said. Psion's declaration will, fuel the

debate on City fees, fired by disclo-sures that Granada's E3.9 billion bid for Forte cost E100 million and that the E3.2 billion merger of Lucas Industries and Varity will cost £29 million in fees. Psion wrote off the costs in full in its

half-year figures, brought forward to quell speculation about strategy after the Amstrad deal fell apart. Pre-tax profits, after writing off the £1.5 million, rose 27 per cent, to £6.5 million, underwritten largely by the success of Psion 3a palmtop computers. Earnings per share rose by 18 per cent, to 5.88p. An interim dividend of 0.65p (0.5p) is due on September 27.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

at Rotork

June 30.

The company said that sales to the US have returned to normal levels, after having disappointed last year, and exports to Latin America have risen sharply. Group turnover was 15 per cent ahead at £45.7

lack of demand from British water companies, which are drawing to the close of their spending on sewage treatment equipment, to comply with a 1991 EU directive. This slowing of demand saw UK sales dip below 15 per cent of group total for the first time.

tive, said that its Exeeco plant in Leeds had fully recovered from the trading difficulties it ran into last year. He added that the order book was 19 per cent ahead of last year.

Rotork Analysis, subsidiaries which monitor pollution and emission, had a difficult first half. The company said their development would gather pace in the next six months.

larger at £26.5 million. From this, the interim dividend was increased by 43 per cent to 3p. Earnings rose by 1.3p to 6.3p

TOURIST RATES



LEGAL NOTICES

Far East sales help lift profit

By Fraser Nelson

CONTINUING demand from the Far East helped Rotork, the world leader in valve actuators, to offset sluggish trading in Europe and the UK increasing pre-tax profits by 23 per cent to £9.1 million in the six months to

million.
Its UK sector was hit by a

Bill Whiteley, chief execu-

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second quarter was down 9 per cent on a current-cost basis to El.19 billion, causing some City analysts to mark down their forecasts for full-

year profits. Half-year profits rose 9 per cent to a current-cost £2.8 billion before special charges of 1119 million. The strength ening of sterling in the second quarter resulted in a loss of 600 million. Mr Jennings said:

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The Anglo Dutch oil multinational set itself the objective of raising its return on average capital employed to 12 per cent, and over the 12 months to June averaged 10.2 per cent. Shell Transport shares slipped back 12p to 911 p yesterday. Shell's chemicals business suffered a 54 per cent slump in

E184 million, although it was an improvement on the first

Mr Jennings said there was a slight improvement in margins. "It looks as though we are off the bottom," he said. However, he gave warning that difficult trading conditions would continue without a significant upturn in major European economies.

relining and marketing outside the US static at £392 million. Mr Jennings suggested that the pressure on petrol retailers in the UK might cause some to quit the business. There are many in the market today who may be considering whether this is something they wish to pre-serve," he said. Shell is considering a restructuring of its oil refineries in Europe and expects to make an announce

ment by the end of the year. Prolits from the upstream oil exploration business rose 44 per cent to £670 million, buoyed by a surge in the average oil price to \$19.50 a barrel in the second quarter.

Oil production was 2 per cent down because of asset disposais, but gas volumes rose 14 per cent, mainly in the North Sea and The Netherlands. Mr Jennings predicted little change in oil prices in the second half, suggesting that the market had absorbed the potential impact of a resump-

Current-cost earnings per share fell from 14p to 12.9p. The interim dividend is expected to be announced on

TI said that while the North

American market was strong

and aerospace orders were

increasing, the European market remained difficult. TI

unveiled a 43 per cent increase

in half-year profits, to £125

million, while profits exclud-

ing the exceptional gain from the sale of three non-core

businesses, rose 19 per cent, to £104 million.

£895 million, and the group

operating margin increased

from 11 to 12.1 per cent. John

Crane, the industrial seals

business, increased operating profits by to per cent, to £48 million, with current order books in line with last year.

Bundy, the automotive tubing division, achieved a 10 per

slightly ahead of last year and

America und Bosch in Spain.

Dowty Acrospace increased

Total sales rose 4 per cent, to

Tempus. page 24 | September 12. TI sets acquisition

ceiling at £350m

By Alasdair Murray

Bill Whiteley, chief executive of Rotork, saw its UK sector hit by lack of demand from British water companies, which are winding down their spending

Shell confident it will shake off slump in petrochemicals

By CARL MORTISHED

JOHN JENNINGS, chairman of Shell Transport & Trading, said the Shell oil group was on target to raise its performance in spite of a downturn in profits for the

The continuing slump in the petrochemicals market and weak refining margins offset a sharp rise in profits from exploration and productions.

Lasmo says it is clear of US ban BY CARL MORTISHED

> LASMO, the oil exploration and seeking partners to ex-pand the drilling programme. company, says that it will not be affected by American legis-The company, which has a much larger exploration prolation banning companies from trading with states ac-cused by the US Government gramme in Algeria, yesterday reported net profits of £47 milof sponsoring terrorism.
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> Lasmo has interests in Libya. lion for the six months to June 30, up from £22 million in 1995 which, like Iran and Iraq, is first half. There was a £23 milsubject to the US ban. Howlion gain from selling Lasmo's ever. Joe Darby, Lasmo's chief Nova Scotis assets, offset by executive, yesterday said that he did not believe that the new higher tax and finance costs.

Mr Darby said that secondhalf results would be sensitive to the price of oil, strong in the Darby: exploration costs a well offshore from Benghazi first half, and could be

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affected by higher exploration

spending and finance costs. Earnings per share rose from 1.4p to 3.9p. Lasmo said that, in line with stated policy. it will continue to pay an annual dividend of 1.25p until expected to be paid as a foreign income dividend,

TI GROUP, the engineering

company, is to continue look-

ing for bolt-on acquisitions but

is not considering a major

acquisition in the near future.

chairman, said the company did not want to become deal-

driven at the expense of its other operations. TI would

concentrate on bolt-on deals

between £50 million and £300

million. His comments, cou-

pled with a mixed trading

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close unchanged, at 525p.

Sir Christopher Lewinton,

such time as an increase can be justified". It said that the intended dividend for 1996 will be considered by the tion of Iraqi oil exports. annual meeting in 1997, and is

Construction output and jobs threatened

BRITAIN'S construction industry yesterday gave warning of a further fall in output, and the loss of 30,000 more jobs, in the coming year - although it forecast a return to growth after that. The Construction Industry Employers Council atter that. The Construction industry Employers Council (CIEC), in its latest quarterly economic report, said it expected output to fall 1 per cent this year, but said overall growth would then be about 2 per cent in 1997.

growth would then be about 2 per cent in 1997.

Warning that the downtrend in the industry's prospects has only recently bottomed out the industry was sceptical about some Government interpretations of favourable prospects for the industry. Martin Laing, CIEC chairman, said: "The reality is different. The industry is only now showing signs of a slow recovery from its renewed recession."

Stressing that market conditions in areas such as contraction Stressing that market conditions in areas such as contracting and civil engineering remained "harsh", he said the "prospects for most companies, and particularly smaller firms, have yet to show major improvement".

Hinchliffe hearing

A HEARING to decide whether Stephen Hinchliffe, the controversial Sheffield businessman, should be struck off as a director will not take place until January 23 at the earliest. District Judge Ward at Newcastle District Registry gave Mr Hinchliffe, the founder of Facia, the second largest private retailer, until October 24 to file his evidence against the proceedings and the Department of Trade and Industry until January 16 in respond to this evidence. Mr Hinchliffe built his high street business by buying struggling retailers such as Sock Shop. Freeman Hardy Willis and Saxone.

Lloyd's warns names

LLOYD'S of London has told names who have launched a last ditch effort at securing a better settlement that the threat of legal action will not produce further concessions. The Paying Names Action Group, representing 3,000 members who paid their Lloyd's bills promptly, applied yesterday for a judicial review of the £3.2 billion settlement, which they say treats them unfairly. They are likely to hear early next week whether the review may go ahead. The group claims that Lloyd's has exceeded its powers. Tony Welford, chairman of the group, said: "Lloyd's has to recognise its most loyal supporters."

Nat Power in US deal

NATIONAL POWER yesterday completed a £105 million deal to buy a gas-fired power station in Massachusetts. The purchase of the plant at Milford from Enron and Jones Capital brings to six the number of power stations in the US owned by National Power. The generator recently struck an agreement to take a 26 per cent stake in a plant in Pakistan. Both National Power, the UK's largest generator, and PowerGen, the other main player, are expanding overseas interests to tap expanding markets and to grow their businesses now they face increased competition in generation at home.

AIM reaches 200

THE Alternative Investment Market will be welcoming its 200th member today, as SCi Entertainment comes to the market with a capitalisation of £17.4 million. The company, which produces CD-Roms, is placing 3.36 million shares at 140p through Guinness Mahon & Co. It will be one of the few AIM stocks to have traded profitably since its inception, making pre-tax profits of £277,000 in the two months to April 30, on sales of £915,000. It is due to raise £4.07 million from the placing, which it will put towards program development.

Rand hits fresh lows

SOUTH AFRICA'S embanled rand continued its plunge yesterday, hitting new lows against the pound and the mark. It closed at R4.50 against the dollar, and sank to R7.01 against the pound, and R3.08th against the mark. Currency traders were blamed for the fall, which economists believe is unwarranted. Technical charts predicting price moves also paint a gloomy picture. The falls were driven by a number of factors, including recurring rumours - frequently denied - that Chris Stals. Governor of the Reserve Bank, intends to resign.

Black Arrow stems fall

BLACK ARROW GROUP, the office-furniture supplier, said a flurry of activity in the last month of its financial year stemmed an expected drop in pre-tax profits, which fell only 1.5 per cent to £2.47 million in the year to March 31. The group, which issued a profits warning last November, increased earnings to 0.73p per share (0.45p) in spite of a 13 per cent drop in sales to £21.4 million. The final dividend was raised to 2.4p (2.1p), payable on October 8, making a total of

Huntingdon recovers

HUNTINGDON International, the life-sciences company, returned to profit in the first half, reporting \$2.6 million pre-tax for the six months to June 30, compared with a loss of \$28.4 million for the same period last year. Orders were up 10 per cent on the same period last year with strong growth in pharmaceuticids, bottechnology, agrochemical and industrial chemicals. The company is recruiting technical and scientific staff for its laboratories to meet demand. No dividend is being paid.

Wise holds interim

DIFFICULT trading conditions affected Leslie Wise, the textile group, as its pre-tax profits eased to £1.41 million (£1.51 million) in the six months to May 31. Margins were rightened by demand for higher quality, which reduced turnover to £32.3 million and dragged down operating profits £3 per cent to £1.58 million. The group said the long winter had pushed its spring/summer season into a late start, but trading had picked up in June and July. An unchanged interim of £75p will be paid on October I, from earnings which felt to £07p (£88p) a share. group, as its pre-tax profits eased to \$1.41 million (£1.5) million)

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profits by 18 per cent, to £20,7 million. The dividend was increased by 9 per cent, to 4.75p, payable on October 8.

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cent increase in profits, to £40.5 million, with orders new contracts coming on stream for Docwoo in North Lewinton: bolt-on deals

Dow surge gives a boost to European stock markets

Signs of US economy cooling

By JANET BUSH **ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT**

WALL Street rose strongly yesterday, providing a fillip to European stock markets, after evidence that the American economy may have started to cool down from its bumper performance in

At one point, the Dow Jones industrial average surged by more than 50 points, lifting London shares, which had been moving sideways for most of the session.

The FTSE 100 index closed 31.2 points higher at 3.734.4.
The positive trigger came from the latest US purchasing managers' report

that suggested manufacturing activity had slowed last month from June's rapid pace. The purchasing managers' index fell to 50.2 from 54.3, Production, new

orders and new export orders all indicated reduced rates of growth.

This report was interpreted by stock and bond markets as arguing against an interest rate rise when the Federal Open Market Committee markets as August 20 Market Committee meets on August 20, Backing up this view were some benign inflation figures that were published along with second-quarter gross domestic product figures. The economy grew at an annual rate of 4.2 per cent, the fastest rate for more than two years and more than

However, the two inflation measures in the GDP report slowed down. One of them—the implicit prive deflator—grew at an annual rate of 1.8 per cent in the

twice that seen in the first quarter.

second quarter, compared with 2.2 per cent in the first. However, business investment spending grew by only 0.5 per cent after growth of 11.6 per cent in the first quarter.

☐ The Bank of France made a symbolic interest rate cut yesterday, but left its key intervention rate unchanged. Analysis said that the move reflected confidence in the franc and acknowledged that the French economy was struggling. However, the fact that the bank felt unable to cul rates more decisively showed how difficult it was to move after the Bundesbank lest German rates unchanged last week. The Bank of France cut its five to ten-day rate by 15 basis points to 4.75 but left the intervention rate at 3.55 per cent.

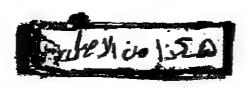
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☐ Playing into Stagecoach's hands? ☐ Yorkshire's generosity to its shareholders ☐ Peace dividend comes at a price

Up the junction and off the rails

☐ WHAT is the link between 50 former British Rail staff making former British Kali stati making £80 million profit in six months and the hardship half of London is going to suffer getting into work at the end of this month? The politics of rancour, in-evitably, sees a direct link, the fat cats creaming off the cash while the honest working man has to fight for his rights. The link is

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there, but it is a little more subtle. The strikes are the first chall-enge to the new breed of train operators. Of the 25 operating franchises, seven private firms are already in charge; two will be hit by industrial action. The unions are well aware that the only way those seven, and the others that follow, can make a decent return is by cutting costs. In the same way, the Government sold off other grossly overmanned utilities so their management, newly incentivised by share options, would import stricter commercial disciplines/do their dirty work for them (please delete according to political orientation).

The idea is that a smaller workforce has to work harder in

workforce has to work harder in future, as already achieved in the coach industry. The new owners, unlike the Government, have a genuine incentive to achieve cuts, but they are far more vulnerable to industrial action. Stop the trains, under public ownership, and the lost revenues come out of

ownership and the operators are still required to pay Railtrack for access to the line. There is a limit

to how long they can endure.

The strikes this month, and those that will inevitably follow, will show which is the stronger force, incentivisation or industrial vulnerability. But add one further complication, in the shape of Brian Souter. Mr Souter wants to reintegrate part of the rail network by buying Porterbrook, which leases trains to the operators. His Stageoach company already runs one fran-chise, South West, and wants

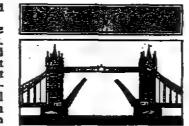
Labour politicians were in traditional knee-jerk mode about the bonuses to managers his bid for Porterbrook could — note, could - trigger. There must be a doubt whether the deal will evade a Monopolies & Mergers Commission reference, however hard Stagecoach may wriggle There must be more doubt whether Mr Souter, tectotal evangelical Christian though he may be is the right person to run the railways after the MMC damned his company's behaviour in an earlier report as

"predatory, deplorable and against the public interest". But here is a third point to give the unions sleepless nights. Porterbrook, with its guaranteed

revenues, is one of the safest vehicle on the railways, a point recognised by the low equity-to-debt ratio of the original management out. It provides an ideal cross-subsidy with which South West and others under the Stagecoach umbrella might ride out future strikes. The unions, by weakening other train operators to the point that the franchises seek new owners such as Stagecoach, may end up doing Mr Souter's work for him.

Making free with the brass

If THEY push the boat out much further in Yorkshire they will be half way across the North Sea. The dividend rises promised at Yorkshire Electricity's annual meeting would be startling in any industry. From one that faces instant penury within months, they look suicidal.



explanations. Yorkshire is convinced there is a bidder on the horizon, and is getting its "scorched earth" policy in place first by demonstrating to share-holders the benefits of loyalty. Arguing against this is the fact that the 60-day bid timetable gives plenty of time to put such a defence in place. The history of utilities bids is littered with false starts, widely rumoured ap-proaches that came to nothing. Yorkshire is now locked into making those payments, perhaps unnecessarily.

This explanation is bolstered by the renewal of the power to buy back 10 per cent of the share capital, another useful defensive measure, but not much use if the Yorkshire trying, in a rather ham-fisted way, to avoid the utilities tax threatened by Labour for shortly after the election? Just as a man facing bankruptcy might put the house in his wife's name, is Yorkshire pledging to hand out any spare cash in order to plead poverty once Gordon

Brown comes knocking?
This explanation, too, has its failings, not least because Yorkshire is among the more Blair-friendly of the utilities, deeply concerned for example, that it concerned, for example, that in a fully competitive market the poor may have to pay more than the rich for their electricity. More to the point, Mr Brown if he has any sense will not be much impressed by pleas of poverty. What has been given to shareholders can be taken back, if necessary, in the form of a rights issue. Promises of dividend rises can be set aside if circumstances change and the company can no longer afford it.

The third explanation is that

Yorkshire, as executives claim, is committed to being a pure utility that does the job as cheaply as possible, paying any surplus cash to its owners, the shareholders. In

to Boeing

for \$3bn

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

IN NEW YORK

THE consolidation of the US

defence industry has taken a big step forward with the \$3bn

purchase by Boeing, the

world's largest aircraft manu-facturer, of the defence and avionics businesses of Rock-

well International (see

Pennington, this page).
Boeing has been looking for an acquisition in the defence field for some time, after the

collapse of merger talks with McDonnell Douglas several

tin, the largest US defence

company, was formed recently

by the merger of two leading

Deep cuts in the US defence budget since the end of the

Cold War have obliged companies to join forces to fight for the remaining contracts on a stronger footing. Raytheon and McDonnell Douglas are

also said to be in merger talks.

The purchase will not only enable Boeing to bid more aggressively for defence busi-ness. It will also enable it to

bid for a larger share of the

lucrative space station con-tract in which it is already the

largest contractor.
Phil Condit, Boeing's presi-

dent and chief executive, said

the deal will round out his

company's strengths as a de-

fence and space contractor.

Among other prestige projects.

Rockwell produces the Bl Bomber for the US Air Force,

the main engines of the space shuttle, and global positioning systems for satellites. It also makes ballistic missiles and owns the technology of numer-

ous other defence systems.

Boeing is paying \$860m in stock, and a further \$2.20n to

wipe out world debt. The rest

of Rockwell will be left with

automotive, semiconductor

and electronics businesses.

Rockwell said that, having sold its defence operations, its

remaining businesses were

free to develop into new areas

of civilian application particu-

arms groups.

that case, and in spite of the talk of low prices, a matching gesture to customers might seem politically sensible at some stage.

Bullet messages from America

U SUPERFICIALLY, Boeing's \$3.2 billion purchase of Rock-well's legendary and controversial space and defence business may seem of relatively little interest in Britain. At one level, it is merely the latest stage in the headlong consolidation of America's defence industry. As one Wall Street analyst put it: This is what was forecast when the Berlin Wall fell. This is the peace dividend."

Shareholders clearly gain part of this dividend, via the benefits of tax-free financial engineering, plus the prospect of a less competitive, if shrunken, home markets to the control of ket on which to base add-on export sales. Boeing evidently finds this attractive enough to boost its defence and space content from under 30 per cent to about 40 per cent.

This process is, however, creat-

ing powerful companies that few in Europe can compete with on level ground. Europe's consolidation is more piecemeal and

Transnational mergers are eckoned vital from a commercial standpoint, but no big country wants to sell its defence companies to another. France, which insists on being involved in all strategic European merg-ers, also insists on dominating them, naturally putting other

Britain, having traditionally the strongest defence industry outside America and the old USSR, is likely to be the biggest oser. Our best companies are bickering and coming to rely too much on a few potentially vulnerable customers. They should get together.

Fat cat claim

□ LABOUR Research has spoiled its survey of fat cats and golden handshakes by claiming the Greenbury report is not doing its proper job of preventing such abuses. Many, however, and certainly the most lucrative, predate Greenbury some may even have helped to spark its creation. To adapt an old radical slogan that will be familiar to Labour Research, Greenbury is not part of the problem, it is part of the solution.

Record half-year profits for AIB fuelled by growth surge

IN DUBLEN

DOUBLE-DIGIT profit growth across every division resulted yesterday in record half-year pre-tax profits for Allied Irish Bank Group.

Ireland's largest banking group, which has Tom Mulcahy as chief executive, announced a 13.6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to June 30 of Ir£201.1 million compared with Ir£177.1 million for the same period last year.

James Culliton, chairman who announced earlier this week that he would be stepping down at the end of this year, said he was confident see the trend continue. Earnings per share grew by 13.7 per cent to Irl8.3 pence, with the company declaring an interim dividend of 1r5.95 pence. In the AIB bank division.

which has retail interests in the Republic, Northern Ire-land and Britain, profits jumped by 12.8 per cent, to Ir £102.2 million, on the back of robust lending growth. The Republic led the way with a 10.1 per cent increase, Northern Ireland rose by 6.3 per cent while in Britain it was 5.1 per cent. The success of a new range of long-term savings products marketed by Ark Life

also contributed to profits. In the US division, fee income and higher levels of mortgage activity resulted in a 14.5 per cent jump in profits, to Ir£56.9 million. The largest

ABBEY, the Irish construction

company, has given warning that prospects for the year

ahead are mixed after a drop

of more than 25 per cent in pre-tax profits, to IrE6.2 million,

for the year to April. A year ago, Abbey recorded profits of

Earnings per share were 11.17p, down from 15.08p.

However, the dividend is up

by 4.8 per cent, to 5.50p. Charles Gallagher, chair-

man, said the main reason for

the profits setback was the per-

formance of the plant-hire di-

vision, whose profits fell to Ir £460,000, from Ir £1.7 million.

remains disappointing and

any early improvement in trading depends mainly on a

Trading since the year end

Ir£8.36 million.



Tom Mulcahy, chief executive of Allied Irish Bank: double-digit profit growth across all divisions in the first half

profit increases were in the smallest division. Capital Markets, which contributed Ir£34.9 million to the overall total — a jump of 21.2 per cent. A significant rise in interest income by the treasury sec-tion, and better returns from equity markets, were also key

faster rate of UK economic

Housebuilding, with 314 sales in the UK and 100 in the

Irish Republic, generated operating profit of IrE4 million, on

turnover of Ir£34.2 million. It

experienced some difficulties in Britain, but conditions in Ire-

land were buoyant, Abbey said. Mr Gallagher said: Pros-

pects for the year ahead are

mixed. Strong growth in the

Irish operation and improving

conditions for UK housing will be tempered by the contin-

uing difficulties facing our plant-hire activities. Overall,

we are hopeful of resumed

progress. In the medium term,

widespread forecasts of accel-

erating UK growth are a

source of encouragement.

growth," he said.

Abbey warns of

mixed prospects

FROM EILEEN McCabe, IN DUBLIN

For the first time profits from the John Govett group, which AIB acquired late last year, were included in the accounts. A spokesman said the fund management group had "traded well during the period and its profit performance is well ahead of 1995". AIB said capital adequacy

Littlewoods

creating

250 jobs

remained strong, with the tier one ratio at 8.1 per cent, and the equity to assets ratio 4.8 per cent. The total capital ratio was 10.5 per cent. Although net interest income was up 4.5 per cent, to Ir£408.7 million, the interest margin at 3.45 per cent was down 21 basis points on the second half of 1995.

Looking ahead, Mr Culliton said that he expected Ireland's buoyant economy to fuel con-"although at a lower level than the first half". Economic upturns in both Britain and the US ensure underlying busi-ness trends there would contime to be positive, he added.

Sainsbury to run Homebase alone

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

LITTLEWOODS, the family-owned retail and pools group, yesterday announced the creation of 250 new jobs in Sunderland to back the launch of its new direct home-shopping catalogue (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The jobs, which include part-time work, are in the ordering and customer-query arm of the Index Extra people handling telephone

Index Extra, launched nationally last month, pro-vides the same range of goods through catalogue sales and the chain of highstreet stores. It is a key to Littlewoods' fight for market share in the increasingly competitive catalogue-shop-

J SAINSBURY is to become sole owner of Homebase, its DfY subsidiary, by buying the minority shareholding of GIB,

the Belgian retailing group, in a deal worth £77.5 million. The companies have agreed that Sainsbury will pay GIB £65 million in cash. Homebase will also repay a shareholder loan of £12.5 million made by GIB. The deal is scheduled for completion on

Tuesday.

GIB had been thinking of selling out since the £290 million purchase of Texas Homecare by Sainsbury last year diluted its 25 per cent shareholding. It would have had to invest a further £40 million to take its holding back up to 25 per cent,

GIB is understood to want to concentrate on its DIY and

food retailing operations in continental Europe. Dino Adriano, Sainsbury's deputy chief executive and taking it almost completely out of the defence industry. The defence operations being bought by Boeing have sales of \$3.2 billion, compared chairman of Homebase, said: with \$5.6 billion of sales by Boeing's own defence division. The combined workforce of "The acquisition of the minority stake in Homebase will enable the Sainsbury group to the merged operations will benefit fully from the continued growth of Homebase and the exciting potential of con-verting Texas to the Homebase format." come to about 50,000 people, but Mr Condit said there was little overlap between the businesses and he expected few job

Homebase, together with Texas, has a 12 per cent market share and more than 330 stores. Homebase was set up in 1979 with £250,000 from GIB and £750,000 from

Rockwell Misys doubles and sells two orders push ahead divisions

BY FRASER NELSON

SHARES in Misys, the banking and insurance software company, jumped 14p to 777p after it reported almost dou-bled pre-tax profits of £50.4 million in the year to May 31 and an order book already 25 per cent ahead.

The group, which bought its rival ACT Banking for £193 million in February last year, saw sales in its banking division leap from £46.5 million to £139.6 million, half the group total of £280 million (£153 million). Misys, now the world leader in banking software, with 30 per cent of the

global market, said it was in pole position to benefit from a single European currency. which would require wide-scale modulation of banking software in its core European market. Kevin Lomax, chairman, said Misys was a pan-European operation would capitalise on the changes, even if Britain does

not agree to monetary union. The final was increased 0.87p to 6.69p, making a total of 10.66p — 15 per cent ahead of last year's total, and providing four times cover. It will be paid on October 7.



SKF breaks into Japanese Automotive Market

For the first time in its history, SKF will sell wheel bearings directly to a Japanese car manufacturer in Japan. Despite very strong Japanese bearing competition, SKF signed a multi-year contract with Suzuki to supply Hub Units. The Hub Unit, a concept developed by SKF, is a unitised assembly, lubricated and adjusted at the

factory to reduce maintenance and installation costs. Decisive factors in Suzuki's decision included SKF's reputation for dependable, high quality products as well as SKF's global production and service network.

Deliveries are scheduled to begin in September this year.

THE SKF GROUP'S CONSOLIDATED INCOME after financial income and expense for the first half of 1996: 1 475 million Swedish kronor (1 866). Sales: SEK 17 528 m (19 487). Income after financial net for the second quarter: SEK 664 m (959), sales SEK 8 647 m (9 775). Fluctuations in exchange rates had a negative effect on sales, to the

order of 9 percent or approximately SEK 1 700 m. In the North American market, SKF is continuing to increase its sales to the automotive industry. Following the decision to build a new plant in the United States for the manufacture of Hub Units, further contracts have been secured, including another large order for these products by the leading U.S. manusfacturer of

The European market, however which accounts for almost 60 percent of Group sales, showed a continued weakening in the demand for rolling bearings. All major markets, with the exception of France, showed the same weak trend.

Growth remains good in Asia. SKF's sales to the aftermarket are developing positively. One customer segment where SKF is recording increasing sales is the manufacture of motorcycles and scooters. The Group supplies the market primarily from its European plants.

The SKF Group operating income after depreciation for the first six months of 1996: sex 1 657 m (2 256). Financial net: SEK -182 m (-390). This improvement can be attributed mainly to a positive outcome from forward

transactions made to cover currency flows. Earnings per share after tax sex 7.90 (10.85). Capital expenditures in property, plant and equipment SEK 1 099 m (934). At the end of June, the Group financial assets were SEK 3 660 (4 874) compared with SEK 4 035 m at the beginning of the year. The return on capital employed July 1st 1995 - June 30th 1996 was 17.0 percent (17.0). Return on shareholders' equity 16.0 percent (19.4). Group solvency 31.3 percent (29.9).

For a copy of the half-year report, please write to SKF Group Communication, S-415 50 Göteborg, Sweden, or access the Internet: http://www.skf.se

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Royal Bank buys SG Warburg custody division



Lorg Younger will see a new subsidiary set up

THE ROYAL Bank of Scotland is to buy SG Warburg's custody division for up to £20 million, making the bank Britain's second largest custody holder with assets of £250 billion.

The Royal Bank, whose chairman is Lord Younger, is to house the acquisition in a new subsidiary called the RBS Trust Bank. Together with the bank's existing custody unit, it is believed to be the only service offering a complete one-stop shop portfolio of custody and investment services.

At present, the Royal Bank's £170 billion of assets under custody make it no half way. Warburg obviously decided Britain's third largest custody holder they were not going to commate."

By Fraser Nelson behind Barclays and the Midland Bank.

With the Warburg acquisition, which brings assets of £80 billion under custody. the Royal Bank will overtake Barclays to become the sixth largest custody holder in

pending a valuation and due diligence.

The Royal Bank is to pay between £5 million and £20 million for the holding. Tim Šykes, an analyst at BZW Securities, said the deal was good for both parties. He said: "The global custody market is for major players only. Either

you're a giant, or you're not in it. There's

The RBS Trust Bank will have a staff of 1,200. The Warburg acquisition adds third-party retail fund administration to the Royal Bank's existing service, as well as a strong relationship with Mercury Asset Management. The new bank will also operate an in-

losses to result.

larly electronics.

house trade union, where staff elect representatives without any external organisations. The decision to de-recognise the Bank-

ing, Insurance and Finance Union has brought it under fire from the BIFU, which has accused it of a "divide and rule policy", which it says will strain industrial

US blow to Hanson plans for demerger

THE PROPOSED demerge of Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, has suffered a major setback. Last night, Hanson was nursing a fall of 4½ pat 155¾ p on turnover of 22 million shares after it emerged that the group was having to undergo major restructuring at its SCM chemicals division in the US. Depressed market conditions had forced SCM to cut the price of its main product, titanium dioxide, used in paints, by up to 10 per cent in stark contrast to projections in the prospectus.

Brokers have begun downgrading their valuations for Hanson before the fourway split. SCM will form part of the Millennium Chemicals division, which is due to be dermerged with the group's tobacco division on October 1. Zafar Khan, of Societé Générale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, said the news would bring the valuation of

the chemicals division under further scrutiny. The demerger of Hanson into four separate parts -tobacco, chemicals, building materials and Eastern Electricity - had been designed to enhance shareholder value. But after hitting 210p when the deal was first announced, its price has been in steady decline since. Institutional shareholders have been expressing increasing concern about the diminishing value of their investment.

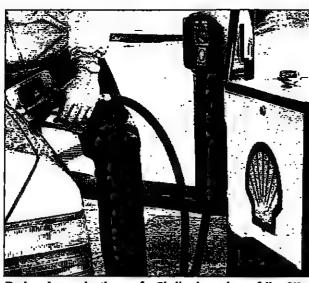
The rest of the equity market extended this week's gains after a cautious start with the help of another firm start to trading on Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed more than 50 points first thing after publication of the purchasing managers' report for July providing further evidence of an economic

The FTSE 100 index closed just a shade below its best of the day with a rise of 31.2 at 3,734.4 on disappointing turnover of 631 million shares.

Bank of Scotland firmed 24p to 2304p as BZW completed the sale of Standard Life's 24 per cent stake in the company for £772 million. There was evidence last night that Standard Life has begun plaughing some of those funds back into the market.

Premier Farnell, the subject of a merger between Farnell Electronics and Premier Industries, the US group. earlier this year, fell 18p to 608p as brokers began trim-

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Brokers lowered estimates for Shell, whose shares fell to 9110

ming their profit forecasts. Merrill Lynch is believed to have cut its number for the current year by £17.5 million to £140 million. The moves follow a meeting with brokers earlier this week at which the company said that exchange rates had been working against it. After completion of the merger, Premier Farnell climbed from 640p to 670p,

the market's disappointment. shedding 114 p at 911p.

Some words of caution from Lasmo took the edge off an otherwise solid first-half performance that saw profits climb 24 per cent. Rudolph Agnew, chairman, said that the second half might be hit by higher exploration costs and interest charges. The shares finished 12p firmer at 1802p.

After rejecting Hays' terms this week Christian Salvesen jumped 10p. to 366p. As brokers point out, the Salvesen family, with 40 per cent of the shares, has left the door open to a higher offer from Hays. Word is it may be a straight cash offer of about 375p. with a deal of 400p for those willing to accept Hays paper.

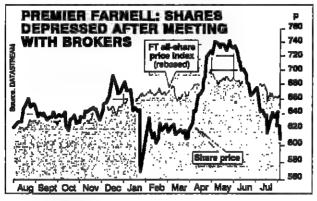
but has been in decline since

Brokers expressed disappointment with interim figures from Shell showing a downturn in the second quarter. A number have begun lowering their profit estimates for the full year. The company blamed a poor performance from its chemical operations that saw its contribution halved. The shares reflected

Yorkshire Electricity got a warm response to plans to improve shareholder value by raising dividends sharply higher. The dividend payment for 1996-97 will soar 34.4 per cent to 52.6p, compared with last year's 10 per cent increase. In 1994, it distributed 90p a share and last year paid a special 100p dividend. The company is seeking shareholder permission to buy back

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up to 10 per cent of its shares. The shares rose 20p to 707p. Northern Ireland Electricity continued to lose ground in the wake of publication of the industry regulator's pricing proposals, with the price fall-

ing 4p to 349p. Kharafi, the Kuwait building company, has increased its stake in Costain, the troubled construction group, with the purchase of an extra 11.37 million shares, or 5.5 per cent, taking its total stake to 24.6 per cent. Kharafi opposed Costain's £74 million rescue package that will see existing shareholders significantly diluted. Under the terms of the package. Intra, the Malaysian group, would stump up £41.5 million in return for 40 per cent of Costain. In spite of the objections from Kharafi, the proposals were supported by the bulk of Costain's shareholders. Costain fell 2p to 64p.

Cantors rose a further op to 203p after returning from suspension earlier this week, after shareholder approval for the merger with Harveys. The new company is to be named

H&C Furnishings.
Trafficmaster stood out with a jump of 24p, to 353p after signing a deal to supply its traffic monitoring system to Vauxhall. This is the first contract to supply a motor manufacturer direct.

Shares of Campbell & Arm-strong, the shopfitter, were suspended at 10½ p pending publication of details of a proposed reconstruction that will include the conversion of debt into equity. Delyn Group was also suspended at 75p awaiting news of a substantial ☐ GILT-EDGED: A positive

performance by US treasury Bonds enabled prices in London to end on a firm note. The move upwards by the Tbonds was prompted by the weaker than expected purchasing managers' report. In the futures pit, the Sep tember series of the Long Gilt

finished £732 better at

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per cent 2021 rose £4 to £981132, while in shorts, Treasury 7 per cent 2001 advanced £4 to £981116. □ NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks posted solid gains at midday after economic reports fuelled market hopes that the Federal Reserve would decide against increasing interest rates at its next meeting. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 25.90 points to 5,554.81.

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Shelling out may be wise

ONCE again, the oil price is coming to the rescue of Shell. There were plenty of good reasons for the setback in Shell's secondquarter profits, and the downturn should not spoil the outlook for the year. Production was slightly lower than expected because of extraneous events, and the strength of sterling did not help. Yet, the longer-term picture is not particularly reassuring.

Shell was able to point out with confidence that its own size precluded a downstream alliance with another oil compay, such as that orchestrated between BP and Mobil. The resulting market share would create unacceptable dominance in any number of jurisdictions. But, what investors wanted to hear was not news of external alliances, but internal action to cut some of its underperforming refining capacity.

The big question is whether Shell will be able to reach its target of a 12 per cent return on capital over the cycle. With the oil price well over \$18 - and assuming Iraqi exports do not cause a sudden collapse in the autumn - it is not inconceivable that Shell achieves close to 12 per cent by the fourth quarter. However, that fails to address the issue of whether the boost to earnings is being created by special factors or underlying growth in the energy business. The motor behind the recent rise in exploration profits has clearly been cost-cutting and, this year, favourable oil prices. In 1995, a recovery in chemicals generated much of the profits gain. With refining margins weak across the board and chemicals still suffering from low prices and overcapacity. Shell cannot afford a weak oil price. In the circumstances, it might be wise for it to be generous with the dividend.

TI Group

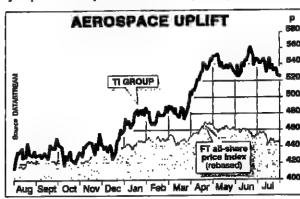
UNRELENTING success may seem like a chairman's dream but for companies such as TI, it can create its own problems. TI has been transformed in the past ten vears from a loose consumerbased business to one of the country's few globally competitive engineering busi-

Earnings growth has outpaced the market and the share price has performed in tandem but the City seems determined to seek pitfalls ahead, even when, as happened briefly yesterday, they are based more on a misreading of the company's trading statement than real signs of a slowdown in growth. The automotive industry is slowing but good prospects in aerospace should more than compensate, with the Dowty Aerospace division sitting on orders worth \$500 million. TI is resisting the pressure to solve its image problem by

launching a major acquisition spree. Instead the company is looking for more bolt-ons, which married to TI's worldwide operations can provide a swift uplift in profits. The company's greatly improved cash position —

net cash deposits were £71 million compared with a net debt of £20.4 million the previous year - provides TI with ample scope for reinvestment and acquisitions.

TI shares sit on a priceearnings ratio of 17 times. That is a premium to the market average but the company looks more than capa-ble of prolonging its success.



Lasmo

LASMO was hinting heavily yesterday of new prospects in negotiating oil exploration licences. The company has been awarded new exploration blocks in Italy and Egypt, and has recently set up a vehicle with a Kuwaiti partner aimed at securing a position in the Gulf.

Much of this is speculative. not least the application for a licence in the current Falkland Islands round but Lasmo hopes that it will present a more balanced picture of an exploration portfolio that is now looking rather skewed to Algeria. There, Lasmo has had considerable success and the data gathered so far is encouraging the company to seek an extension to its exploration permit on the existing two blocks, and to apply for more acreage.

and a liability for Lasmo; the prospects look good for significant reserve additions but the market inevitably applies a bigger discount to barrels from politically risky Algeria than those from the North Sea. That, in part, explains why the shares of its rival. Enterprise Oil, trade at a premium to estimates of its net asset value, while those of Lasmo trade at a discount.

That discount is probably excessive and offers a buying opportunity to those who can stomach some political risk. Lasmo's cashilow and earnings are now in a position where it could consider raising its dividend. However, if the company really has good exploration opportunities, shareholders would be more cheered to learn of new investments.

Psion

POOR old Psion is looking a little sorry for itself now its deal to buy Amstrad has fall-Algeria is both an asset en through. Since The Times revealed that talks were on, and prior to the deal crater-

ing. Psion was at pains to explain that the purchase of Amstrad's Dancall subsidiary would give it a platform in GSM, the Global Standard for Mobile phones. This would allow Psion to integrate mobile phones with its palmtop computers to create

a fashion accessory from hell. Without Dancall it needs to strike a deal with another mobile-phone-maker. But the likes of Nokia, Motorola and Ericsson are many times the size of Psion and raise the question of who would call the shots in a marriage of such unequals.

If the operating system for the Psion 3 Series is as good as suggested, then Psion will be able to strike a reasonable bargain with one of the mighty mobile makers. That could push the rather volatile Psion shares, which rose 9p to 400p yesterday, back up to their 470p peak, the level they had reached before the Amstrad deal fell apart.

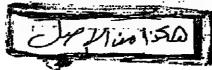
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Commercial development

SAFEWAY is deep in discussion with the Labour Party in its bid to sponsor annual conference in the autumn. This will be the first time that the Labour Party has invited sponsor-ship for the creche that will cater for about 60 political offspring at the party con-ference in Blackpool. "We want to provide more than ust money," says Safeway. TV advert stars Harry and Molly may well put in an

Eastern promise

NO WONDER Tony Vice, chairman of Bowthorpe, is over the moon" at Paul Cheng's appointment as a non-executive director to the electronics group. The non-executive chairman of Inchcape Pacific and nonexecutive chairman of NM Rothschild Hong Kong is a key member of the Chinese committee preparing for Hong Kong's handover to China. The ideal person, then, to guide Bowthorpe through the group's signifi-cant expansion plans in the Far East. "He's a bright, well-informed, outstanding man," gushes Vice.

Speedwriter

DAVID SIMONS, Somerfield's chief esecutive, dearly isn't cut out to wear a visor and a five o'clock shadow. To get his own back for the media coverage during Somerfield's serial share price slashing. Simons jumped at Super Marketing magazine's invitation to stand in as fore 10am, and was out of the door by 3pm, flying faster than any supermar ket trolley. One astonished staff writer said: "He wrote all his news stories out in longhand, scribbling away on an A4 pad. His assis-tent was still there at the end of the day, typing it all into the system.



"It's a new catalogue from Littlewoods'

Road race UPS is awarding itself a

gold medal for its contribu-tion to the Olympic Games. When Sharon Cole, a Canadian sports clothing manufacturer, heard that the Mongolian team had spent its budget getting to the Games, leaving them without funding for uni-forms, she lent a hand and stitched an outfit for the team's road cyclist. While Cole spent the night sewing. Bruce Ironside, UPS centre manager, drove 50 miles to Cole's factory in Moose Jaw to pick up the parcel and deliver it to Atlanta, in time for Tumur-Ochir Dash Yam's race.

Pigeon-holed

THE Royal Bank of Scotland is picking holes in the Bradford & Bingley commercial that poses the question: "Why do you never see baby pigeons?" Not true, says Richard Taylor, deputy chief economist at RBS, who has been pigeonwatching from his fifth-floor window at Waterhouse Square in Holborn since some pigeons set up nest there in the spring. Taylor was in on the action from the day the birds started dating. The chicks are now two-weeks-old, and yesterday it was Taylor's turn to scare away a

predatory hawk. MORAG PRESTON

Managers' tough lessons prompt hard questions

Attitudes have started to

change, says

Victoria McKee

he recent death of Thomas Denny, a 54year-old British Rail forced to pothole on one of the physically rigorous management training courses that have become so fashionable has raised urgent questions about their safety. Aside from the question of whether it is medically risky for sedentary executives to be forced out suddenly from behind their desks to pothole, absell or try their chances at surviving in the wilderness without secretaries or company cars, there are other questions that need to be asked about the usefulness of such courses. Does being able to climb mountains make it easier to scale corporate heights? Do such courses discriminate against older, disabled or female employees?

The experience can be terrifyactually flew over his staff in a helicopter as they played war games in a "Who Dares Wins" SAS commando-style day making notes on potential high-flyers and, it was felt, writing off the stragglers. The pressures were enormous even among those who felt they could only lose.

That company, a medical supplier, had decided not to tell its sales force that instead of spending the weekend in quaint country hostelries they would be knee deep in mud on wet hillsides splatting paint guns at each other and gnawing slimy, mud-baked chicken. Another firm, makers of filing systems, had parachutists swoop down on its unsuspecting sales force and "kidnap" them, herding them into lorries to try to regain their freedom by escaping across an army assault course. "They were all scared stiff," the laughingly recalled. He did add: "We had carefully vetted their health records so we were able to pull out those who were too old or had a bad back so they could serve as observers. Everyone survived, but there were a few sprained ankles." Maggie Kaye, 43, who runs Marketa, a small computer consultancy in Berkshire, was

initially horrified by the abseiling she was expected to do on an outdoor activities course as part of her training at the Henley Management College. Although it was ten years ago, and she went down the rock face with her eyes closed, she'll never forget the faces and names of the men that helped her through it.

Did she get anything of lasting use out of what was probably the scariest experience in her life? "I think it's made me more cynical," she reflects. "Such activities do focus you very quickly into groups, but I'm not sure how



long it lasts. The trouble is. when you go back to your ordinary environment, the first five phone calls and you start to forget. I had a phobia about heights when I went, but by the last day we had to build a raft out of oil drums and then climb up a ladder on to a quay and I was nearly on the top when several stopped and stared and said 'Maggie's not afraidi' but now if I stand on a chair I

go quivery again."

Melanie King, a 31-year-old
City dealer in the foreign exchange and money markets Standard - Chartered Bank, has a high-pressure job and didn't mind being asked go on a high-pressure physical activity motivation course, again organised by Henley Management College. "I'm fairly fit, and, although I'd never abseiled before, the whole idea of launching yourself off the side of a cliff

business," she says. "So I'm not intimidated by such situations, but there were some people on the course who were, and who 'bottomed out' of it. The rest of us had to try to bring them through that, as they were quite upset and lost confidence."

Although most reputable

course leaders emphasise over and over again that "no one is forced to do anything, and if they tell us they're airaid, or don't feel fit enough for an activity, we can always find them another useful role that will make them still feel part of the team", the truth is that when your MD or CEO comes into the room rubbing his hands with glee and telling you you're all going off on a team-building course to show him you're made of The Right Stuff, it's very hard to admit any fears about fitness or

Cary Cooper, an occupational psychologist at the Univer-



Outdoor courses are focusing more on team-building

sity of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, said: The personnel manager should always ask every individual privately, never in public, whether he or she wants to go on such a course, and he or she should never feel obliged to say 'yes'." Professor Cooper can see the business uses of outdoor activity courses in management training - provided they are only attended by freely

consenting, fully fit adults. But Professor Cooper said: There have been both physical people ask: Why do these motivational courses have to Surely they can be activitybased, but not rigorous. I think the abseiling. Marine bootcamp element is going, and that's a good thing."

Charles Moyle, a leading proponent of military comman-

do-style corporate courses whose Moyle's Motivational Marketing, based in Worcestershire, co-opted Lofty Wiseman, the former SAS man, to lead executives into the wilderness to live on their wits surprisingly agrees. "Lofty's good, but he barks too much, and these days people want more sophistication and, frankly, to go somewhere carpeted at night. Things have moved on from 1986, when we started," he reflects, now rejoicing in an annual turnover of £5 million.

Certainly, Rockwater, the Aberdeen engineering company whose executives shiv-ered and quivered in front of the cameras on Cutting Edge three years ago on a rigorous survival course run by John

There is an increasingly per-ceptible attitude shift away from adventure training and survival-type courses to more congenial activities. Stefan Wills, programme director for Ashridge Management Col-lege's four-week general management programme, says, "We do a lot of outdoor activities and have just had our own outdoor facility built, because we feel they help people to gel or bond as a group, and help managers to understand group processes. But we don't do gung ho stuff, and we operate what we call a 'challenge by choice' system with no pressure. Anyone who chooses to stand back will be found another useful role." Still, at Ashridge you might be called upon to lift a colleague four feet off the ground through a "spider's web" strung between two trees (an exercise in "strategic thinking"), or find yourself crawling along a cable an exercise in "coaching").

Peter Wynn went on an Ashridge course when he began to head the regional waste business for Yorkshire Environmental, of Rotherham, because my boss thought that taking on this new role needed a different leadership style. I'm not particularly fit - I'm weight - but it was all right because I never had to go more than three or four feet off the ground, and it was about problem solving more than physical prowess."

atalyst, another corporate motivation most of the successful course organisers, been moving towards offering a wider choice of "less gung-ho", more task-focused programmes.

John Bird, marketing director, said that in 1990 the group had about six products, one of which involved outdoor activities. Today, we have 40 different products, more than half of which are indoor team-building activities designed specifisubject such as planning, nego-tiation, or customer service."

Catalyst has an activity called "Cubed" which Professor Cooper would recommend to entrepreneurial types. It involves having to put together a puzzle blindfokled, with team members giving instructions on musical instruments. He said: "It would be a great change for them to be told what to do by someone else, and to do something slow and painstaking like putting together a

Bonds that tie the City with Japan

Scholars will appreciate a new book that is rich in history, says Jon Ashworth

Paul Newall, who was Lord Mayor of London two years ago, would reserve a special place for Japan and build on the City's links with that country. His father-in-law, Sir Ju-

lian Ridydale, was attached to the British Embassy in Tokyo in the late 1930s and enjoys an enduring associ-ation with Japan. Sir Paul witnessed the workings of Japanese finance in his years with Lehman Brothers, the US investment bank, in April 1994, Sir Paul was

eager to beat the drum, em-phasising London's dominance in the European timezone and hailing Japan's significance as an investor. Now, he has encapsulated his thoughts in a book, Japan and the City of London.
Scholars and bankers will

appreciate a work that is rich in history and statistics. In 1859. William Keswick, of Jardine Matheson, became the first British trader to settle in Yokohama, one of the first two treaty ports. Britain pionecred Japan's

first telegraph lines and by 1880 half of Japan's foreign being handled by British trading houses. Loyalties shift-ed to the US in

the 1920s and 1930s, but reverted after 1945. The rise of the Euromarkets in the 1960s reestablished London as the main conduit for Japanese fund-raising. In 1964, fewer than 2,000 Japanese were living in London. By the had swollen to 54,000.

Many of the early London arrivals settled in Hendon and Finchley, attracted by a Japanese school. The area became known as "Little Tokyo". South Croydon was recorded that Nomura's salesmen were at first given only £100 a month towards living expenses. Memories of the Second World War lingered, and the newcomers went out of their way to mend fences. They placed great store by the value of research documents, as a UK fund manager discovered during a trip to Tokyo

in the early 1970s. Two employees of Yamakhi Securities turned

large parcel. Conscious of Japanese generosity, he pre-sented each with a bottle of Johnnie Walker Black Label whisky; a prized accessory. then as now. He opened the package to discover Yamaichi's entire research

output for the year. By 1987, London was by far the most important centre for Japanese financial activities in Europe. Japa-nese institutions accounted for 26 per cent of all banking assets in the UK. Japanes finance houses provided jobs for 12,000 Britons. In 1989, the big four Japanese Nikko, Daiwa and Yamaichl, together accounted for nearly 40 per cent of all new Eurobond issues.

Japanese industrial Investment began in the 1970s with a zip fastener factory in Runcorn. Sony and Panasonic set up plants in Wales, and Hitachi opened a factory in the North East.

The car industry followed: Nissan in Sunderland: Toyota in Derby: and later

Honda. By the mid-1990s, the The UK was UK played host to more than host to over 1,000 Japanese 80,000 people. Sir Paul excompanies by the mid-1990s of property in-

vestment in London, which peaked in 1989 with 20 acquisitions worth more than £1 billion. Sumitomo Life took a half stake in JP Morgan's building and Meiji Life bought 50 per cent of the Goldman Sachs building in Fleet Street. Investment dried up

The enduring Japanese view of the City was perhaps or Hirohito on his same visit in 1971. He told an audience at Guildhall: "The Japanese eopie have always looked up to the City of London ... as the depository of finan-cial and commercial expertise and observed. with wonder and respect, its indomitable spirit of freedom, strict code of gentlemanly conduct, and courage to make a startling departure from old practices as occasion arises." He received a standing ovation.

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Customer satisfaction should be key to utility directors' incentives Some may complain that

From Mr Richard Warden Sir, United Utilities' shareholders have approved a very generous directors' incentive plan (Report, July 27) that is based on comparisons with FTSE companies operating in a free market, but which ignores the customer. I believe we need a mechanism whereby customer satisfaction, or lack of it, can affect the balance sheets of these

companies. A customer-complaints

Tough on winners Industrial investment in Britain of energy shares From Mr Michael Walton

From David Marshall Sir. As one of those who applied for more than 3,000 shares in the recent British Energy privatisation, my al-

lotment was nil.

I'm delighted, of course, but isn't this arbitrary method of dealing with over-subscription unfair to those unfortunates who applied for fewer than 3,000 shares? Yours faithfully, DAVID MARSHALL 241 Ben Jonson House, Barbican, Moorgate.

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body funded by the companies, but run independently by the regulators, should monitor the number and severity of complaints on a company by company basis. A formula should be adopted whereby charge increases are amended according to the complaints received.

For example, if the level of complaints were high it could be determined that, in a free market, a percentage of cus-tomers would have changed

Sir. Further to the piece by

Philip Bassett on the relative scales of British industry's

inward and outward invest-

ment (July 23), and the letter

from Mr Green, perhaps

someone can tell me why, if foreign companies find Brit-

ain so attractive a place in

which to set up manufactur-

ing, do the same financial equations not prompt British

companies to make similar

supplier. The charge increase a regulator allows for the next year would be reduced to reflect this loss of income.

A company with a very poor customer-satisfaction rating could be forced to reduce its charges and lose income, just as happens in the real world. A company with a very good rating would be allowed the maximum charge increases commensurate with the other factors that the regulator has to consider.

investments here on their own

For all the self-congratula-

tion on the numbers of jobs

created by outside investment,

surely the wealth thus created

is exported back home rather

than staying here. Do we real-

ly just want to be the "sweat

shop" of Europe?

MICHAEL WALTON,

Yours faithfully,

Thurplow House,

such a model of free-market. dynamics is artificial and unfair, but it is no more so than the scheme that United Utilities has adopted. Sir Desmond Pitcher has said of his scheme: "You're just going to have to accept this if you want a good company that is run well and if you want good people running the company." I suggest the customer's

response is: "I want the right that every paying customer has in a free market to change supplier if I think you are not a good company. As I am a captive customer and cannot change, you're just going to have to accept this mechanism instead."

This change is needed now before other utilities jump on the bandwagon, adopt similar schemes, and leave tens of millions of customers with no right to vote on their performance. Yours faithfully,

RICHARD WARDEN, 2 Waterloo Way, Bredon, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.

One rule for directors From Mr Nigel L. Denton

Sir. As much of the text in the mini-prospectus for the Somerfield flotation concerned their past financial problems and contained little reference to their future investment plans, I decided not to invest. Had I decided otherThriplow, Hertfordshire. wise I would have taken heed of the oft-repeated warning

that the value of investments

can go up as well as down.
While I do not personally have a problem with executive share options it is not very reassuring to read (Options raised in store float, July 23) that the share options for the directors of Somerfield have

been increased to allow for the reduced flotation price. Ordinary investors have to take the risks and are not in a position to change the rules in the middle of the game. Yours faithfully. NIGEL L. DENTON, 12 Maria Court. Southcote Road Reading, Berkshire.



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In Downs v Channell the rele-

vant question was simply whether

the plaintiffs had entered into the

contract in reliance upon the

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Accordingly, questions of in-ducement and materiality were not

relevant. Its claim lay in neg-

ligence, and the relevant concept

was reliance. In considering the

issue of causation in an action for

negligence brought by a client against his solicitor it appeared

from *Downs* v Chappell that it was

necessary to distinguish between

two different kinds of cases, Where a client sued his solicitor

for having negligently failed to give him proper advice, he had to show what advice should have

been given and on a balance of probabilities that if such advice

misrepresentation.

That was usually treated as a

the defendant's negligence.

Bristol and West Building Society v Mothew (trading as Stapley & Co)

Before Lord Justice Staughtm, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Otton

Judgment July 24

Where a lender sued the solicitor who acted for both the horrower and the lender for negligently having given incorrect informa-tion, the lender did not have to the mortgage if it had known the true facts; but it was required to establish what it had jost as a

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal brought by the defendant solicitor, Anthony Paul Mothew, against the decision of Mr Justice Chadwick on July 27, 1995 affirming for different reasons the dering for different reasons the de-cision of a district judge giving summary judgment to the plain-tiff, Bristol and West Building Society for £59,000 less the sums received by the building society on the sale of the property in question, ment of damage.

Mr Jonathan Sumption, OC and Mr Glenn Campbell for the defendant; Mr Nicholas Patten, QC and Mr Timothy Higginson for the

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT sald that the appeal raised important questions of principle in relation to a claim by a lender to recover from the solicitor who was acting for both the borrower and the lender the loss arising from the borower's subsequent default,

recession at the beginning of the present decade caused mortgage lenders to suffer serious losses. Unable to recover their advances from the borrowers or by the enforcement of their security they sought to recover them from the valuations or advice they had

The defendant solicitor acted for Mr and Mrs Towers in the purchase of a property in Romford for £73,000 in August 1988. In accordance with the usual practice he also acted for the building society to which the purchasers had applied for an advance of £59,000 in order to finance the

The purchasers also arranged to transfer a small part of the mortgage on their existing prop-erty with Barclays Bank to be transferred to the new property by way of a second charge. The defendant was informed of the arrangements and gave an under-taking to hold the title deeds pending registration.

Unfortunately he either failed to appreciate that, although they related to old borrowing, they were a matter which he was required to report to the building society, or he had forgotten or overlooked them vhen he made his report.

The purchasers defaulted after making only small repayments and the building society enforced its security. The property was sold in February 1991 and realised net proceeds a little under £53,000. The building society claimed to recover the whole of its net loss on the transaction from the defendant, alleging breach of contract, negligence and breach of trust. The first two were admitted but the

It was the defendant's case that the building society would not have been concerned by the purchasers' proposal to grant a second charge to the bank if that had been disclosed to it in August 1988; that it would still have proceeded with the transaction: and that it would have suffered precisely the same loss in that

It was common ground in the court below that no damages would be recoverable at common law for breach of contract or tort show that it would not have proceeded with the transaction if it had been informed of the facts.

The building society, however, ubmitted that the position was different in equity. It alleged that the defendant had committed a breach of trust or fiduciary duty. and submitted that common law principles of causation and ess of damage had no application in such a case so that it was not necessary for the building society to show that it would not have proceeded with the transaction if it had been informed of

The district judge accepted those arguments and that was affirmed

In the Court of Appeal when the case was first argued the critical case was first argued the critical question appeared to be whether the defendant was guilty of a breach of trust or fiduciary duty and if so whether the building society needed to prove that it would not still have proceeded with the transaction if it had been add of the facts However, after the case had

rved, the building society informed their Lordships that it cession. Relying on the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Downs v Chappell* (1996) 3 All ER 344) the building society submitted that it was entitled to recover the whole of its net loss on the transaction by way of damages for negligence at common law without having to establish that it would not have proceeded with the transaction if it

had been informed of the facts. If correct, it submitted, that would be determinative of the case. and it would not be necessary for the building society to rely on any breach of trust or fiduciary duty. Claims at common law

The essential question was whether the building society was entitled to judgment for the sum claimed, and not merely for damages to be assessed, in respect of its common law claims. If so, then the building society did not need to establish that the defendant was guilty of a breach of trust or fiduciary duty.

That question depended upon an alleged difference between the tests of causation and remoteness of damage at common law and in equity. In a case of the present kind, however, two different ques-tions of causation were involved and it was necessary to distinguish between them.

Where a plaintiff claimed that he had suffered loss by entering into a transaction as a result of negligent advice or information provided by was whether the plaintiff could establish that the defendant's negligence caused him to enter into the transaction.

had been given he would not have If he could not his claim failed entered into the relevant trans-But even if he could, it was not sufficient for him to establish that action or would not have entered into it on the terms that he did, the transaction caused him loss. Where, however, a client sued given him incorrect advice or for having negligently given him in-correct information, the position appeared to be different

In such a case it was sufficient relied on the advice or information. that is, that he would not have acted as he did if he had not been given such advice or information

It was not necessary for him to prove that he would not have acted as he did if he had been given the proper advice or the correct rmation. That was the position in Downs v Chappell.

The judge had answered that In the present case the building question in the affirmative: the society made complaints of both kinds. In his Lordship's judgment. laintiffs would not have entered into the contract if they had not been provided with the letter. The they were bound by Downs v Chappell to hold that the neccausal relationship between the accountants' negligence and the plaintiffs' purchase was essary causal link between the defendant's negligence and the mortgage advance was proved. In the present case the building society's claim was not for Damages remained to be as-sessed. The building society would

not have to prove that it would not have made the mortgage advance if it had known the true facts; but it would be required to establish what it had lost as a result of the the purchasers' indebtedness to the judgment which it had obtained below only if it could invoke equitable principles.

Claims in equity

The judge found that, in the events which happened, the defendant committed a breach of trust by applying the mortgage advance in the purchase of the property; that he was accordingly liable restore the trust property, namely, the £59,000 with interest less receipts: that no question of damcompensation for loss arose; and

building society might still have chosen to make the advance notthstanding the arrangements which had been made with the

It was not alleged that the defendant deliberately concealed the arrangements which the purchasers had made with their bank from the building society or that he consciously intended to mislead it. Nothing in the present indoment was intended to apply to such a case.

His Lordship's observations were confined to the case like the present where the provision of incorrect information by a solicitor to his client mst be taken to have been done due to an oversight.

Before their Lordships, the defendant submitted that, while he was guilty of negligence and breach of contract, he was not guilty of a breach of trust or of fiduciary duty. It was convenient to take first the question of fiduciary duty, and then to consider the question of breach of trust. Breach of fiduciary duty

If the defendant had been acting for the building society alone, his admitted negligence would not have exposed him to a charge of ch of fiduciary duty. Coursel for the building society accepted as

ers made all the differen His Lordship found that that argument ran into difficulties. The efendant was never in breach of the conflict rule. It was not alleged deliberately withheld information his duty to the ourchasers required

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thus the judges that may be defendent was in breach of fiduciary duty could not be supported. It followed that it could not be sustained as a ground for holding the defendant to breach of a constructive trust of the mortgage money.

Breach of trast

In the Court of Appeal the building society put forward the argument that the defendant's instructions expressly required him to report the arrangements in question "to the suciety prior to completion". It was submitted that it made a condition of the defendant's authority to complete that he had complied with his obligation. Therefore he had no authority to complete.

His Lordship did not accept that.

His Lordship did not accept that. The defendant's authority to apply the mortgage money in the completion of the purchase was not conditional on his having firs complied with his contractual obligations to the building society. was not vitiated by the mus representations for which he was responsible but of which he was unaware, and was effective to prevent his payment being a

The appeal would therefore he allowed and the money judgments set aside. The judgments for damages to be assessed for breach of contract and negligence would remain undisturbed, but it did not follow that the building society would establish any recoverable

Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Staughton delivered

Solicitors: Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave, Bristol: Osborne Clark.

Dominant motive relevant factor

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Governor of Belmarsh Prison and Another, Exparte Dunlayici Before Lord Justice Henry and Mrs Justice Ebsworth

(Judgment July 4) In determining whether or not extradition offences charged were reclude extradition under section 6(1)(a) of the Extradition Act 1989. regard was to be had to the motives behind the offences and where motive should be the determinant

The Oueen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in a reserved judgment when dismissing an application by Mr Faysal Dunlayici for a writ of habeas corpus directed to the Governor of Belmarsh Prison to bring up and quash a committal order made by Mr R. D. Bartle, Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, sitting at Bow Street, dated July 25, 1995 pending the signing of an extraion order requested by the Federal Republic of German

Mr Michael Mansfield, OC and Mr Mark Muller for the applicant: ing the judgment of the court, said that the applicant, a prominent Kurd who had been granted political asylum in Germany, had heen detained while on a visit to England in October 1994 and served with a notice of intended

deportation. The German Government requested his extradition on the basis that, as a leading member of a militant Turkish Kurd movement, he had organised a series of attacks on Turkish property in

Germany. The court accepted that the attacks had a threefold motive: to carry on the war with Turkey by attacks on Turkish institutions: to draw attention to the Kurdish cause; and to force the German nt to change its policy of support for Turkey.

Rejecting the argument that it was sufficient to show that a genuine and signuscial parties the offence was to change the policy of the requesting state, his and that it was clear uine and significant purpose of from R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Cheng (1973) AC 930 that to establish a political

nature the only purpose in committing the offence had to be directed against the requesting

Lord Mustill's analysis of that doctrine of incidence in T vSecretary of State for the Home Department (The Times May 23, 1996; | 1996| 2 WLR 766). contemplating a mixed motive situation, concluded that the dominant motive determined the political nature of the offence.

Here the court was satisfied that the dominant motive behind the attacks was directed against the

requesting German government so that they were not political offences within section 6(1)(2) of the

Nor, in requesting extradition, was there evidence that the German government was acting in bad faith or that the applicant would be prejudiced by reason of his political opinions from having a fair trial. Accordingly the application would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Winstanley-Burgess. Islington; Director of Public

Green rights not lost

Council, Ex parte Speed and

A failure to register a town green as common land under section 1(2)(a) of the Commons Registration Act 1965 did not have the effect of extinguishing the customary-rights over the land. Such land could subsequently still be proved by evidence to be a green although under the Act as appropriately

registered land was.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Butler-Sloss. Lord Justice Pill and Lord Justice Schiemann) so held on July II when dismissing on other grounds, an appeal by David and Colin Steel against a decision of Mr Justice Curriwath in which he dismissed an application to quash a refusal by Suffolk County Council to register land known as the People's Park. Sudbury as a town green.

Before Mr Justice Rimer [Judgment July 19]

spector of Taxes)

Expenditure by a publican on rent for living accommodation that he was required to occupy as a term of his tenancy agreement with the brewery was not deductible in computing his profits chargeable

McLaren v Mumford (lp-

By virtue of section 74 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 the expenditure was not allowable as a deduction as it was for the purposes of the publican's

Mr Justice Rimer so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr Alexander W. McLaren, from a determination by Hackney general commissioners upholding assess-ments to Schedule D income tax in respect of his profits for his trade as a publican for the years from 1992 to 1994.

Mr Robert Grierson for the taxpayer; Mr. Timothy Brennan

MR JUSTICE RIMER said that in 1991 the taxpayer had signed a by which he became tenant of the Duke of Marlborough public house in Hackney, London.

Publican's domestic rent not deductible

The only conscious motive in his mind when he signed the agreement was to provide himself with a trade to earn his living. The agreement required him to reside at the premises at all times.

The premises comprised the parts used for the purposes of the public house and separate accommodation for the taxpayer's personal and private use. The texpaver owned a house in Broadstairs that he would visit to collect mail and see that it was in

The commissioners concluded that although the only conscious motive in the taxpayer's mind when he signed the agreement was to provide himself with a trade, nevertheless the purpose of the him with personal residential

They therefore concluded that the expenditure on rent had a dual purpose and held that it was not holly and exclusively laid out or expended for the purposes of the taxpayer's trade as a publican and

overriding public interest, includ-

ing those of a social or economic

nature, the member state shall

take ... compensatory

It was important to bear in mind

directive provided in particular

that the obligations arising under

article 0(4) were to apply as from

the date of implementation of the

habitats directive or the date of

classification or recognition by a

member state under the hirds

directive, whichever was the later.

tive, as inserted in the birds directive, had, following Leybucht

Dykes where the point in issue was

Article 0(4) of the habitats direc-

measures..."

a deduction in computing his Case I profits. They directed an adjustment to be made to reflect a disallowance of one-sixth of the expenditure. The taxpayer's argument was

that as the tenancy agreement made his occupation of the premises compulsory, to disallow even one-sixth of his expenditure was unfair. He should, he said. have been allowed the whole of it. He placed heavy reliance on the central finding by the commis-sioners that the only conscious motive in his mind when he entered into the agreement was to provide himself with a trade to

am his living. Thus, he argued, he was not seeking any collateral benefit for himself. He already had his own house and had to use the residential accommodation in the premises because the tenancy agreement obliged him to do so.

Mr Grierson submitted that the been conclusively decided in the taxpayer's favour by the House of Lords in Russell v Town and County Bank Ltd ((1888) 13 App Mr Brennan, relying on Mason v Tyson (|1980| STC 284) and Mallalieu v Drummond (|1983| 2 AC 861), submitted that the expenditure served a dual purpose, both private and business. The private element of the

taxoaver's expenditure, he said. was not incurred for the purpose of earning the receipts of his business, but served the non-business purpose of satisfying his ordinary human needs. It was thereby disqualified from being deducted and that was so regardless of the taxpayer's motive when he signed the agreement or the fact that the tenancy agreement obliged him to occupy the premises.

The decision in Russell was of no assistance in the context of the appeal: the issue with which that entirely different nature. Mr Bren-Solicitors: A. J. Bolton & Co.

Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Correction In R v Burstow (The Times July 30) leading counsel for the appellant was Mr Peter Feinberg, QC.

Luxembourg

European Law Report

Economic considerations irrelevant when designating wild bird protection areas ried out for imperative reasons of could not be taken into account at a

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment. Ex parte Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Port of Sheerness Ltd. intervener

Case C-44/95 Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges D. A. O. Edward, J.-P. Puissochet, G. Hirsch, G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, P. J. G. Kapteyn, C. Gulmann, J. L. Murray, P. Jann and M. Wathelet

Advocate General N. Fennelly (Opinion March 21) Judgment July III

The Secretary of State for the Environment was not entitled to take account of economic requirements when designating a special protection area for wild birds and defining its boundaries.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on questions referred by the House of Lords, by order of February 9, 1995, on the interpretation of provisions of Council Directive 79/409/EEC of April 2, 1979 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ 1979 L103 pl).

The Medway Estuary and Marshes, an area of wetland of international importance, were used by wildfowl and wader species as a breeding and wintering area and a staging post during spring and autumn migration, and supported breeding populations of the avocet and the little term, which were listed in annex I to the birds

Lappel Bank, an area of inter-Lapper Bank, an area of Inter-tidal mudilat adjoining the Port of Shermess and falling geographi-cally within the bounds of the Medway Estuary and Marshes, shared several of the important ornithological qualities of the area as a whole and was an important component of the overall estuarine

The Port of Sheemess, the fifth largest port in the United King-dom for cargo and freight han-dling, was a flourishing commercial undertaking and a nificant employer in an area with a serious unemployment problem. The port planned ex-tended facilities for car storage and other purposes in order better to

compete with continenta offering similar facilities. Lappei Bank was the only area into which the port could realis tically envisage expanding. In 1993 the secretary of state decided to designate the Medway Estuary and Marshes as a special

protection area, but to exclude Lappel Bank from that area on the

ground that the contribution that

expansion by the port into the area

local and national economy outweighed its nature conservation

the Court of Justice.

naturally occurring birds in the wild state in the European territory of the member states. ...

requirements... take the requisite measures to preserve, maintain or re-establish

referred to in article 1. "(2) The preservation ... of ... habitats shall include primarily the following measures: (a) cre-

special protection areas. . . "(2) Member states shall take similar measures for regularly

areas referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) above, member states shall take appropriate steps to avoid

t The first question was whether a 2 of the birds directive when designating a special protection area and defining its boundaries.
In Case C-355/90 Commission v Spain (Santoña Marshes') [1993] ECR 1422] the court pointed out

which it was sought to quash that decision on the ground that, by virtue of the birds directive, the secretary of state was not entitled to have regard to economic considerations when classifying a special protection area, the House of Lords referred three questions to

Article 1 of the birds directive provides: "This directive relates to the conservation of all species of

Article 4 provides: "(l) The species mentioned in annex I shall be the subject of special conserva-

tion measures concerning their habitat in order to ensure their survival and reproduction in their area of distribution. In this connec-tion, account shall be taken of [various criteria] ... Member states shall classify in particular the most suitable territories . . . as

"(4) In respect of the protection

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held: member state was authorised to take account of the economic requirements mentioned in article

in the course of proceedings in

Article 2 provides: "Member states shall take the requisite measures to maintain the popula-tion of the species referred to in article I at a level which corresponds in particular to ecological. scientific and cultural requirements, while taking account of economic and recreational

Article 3 provides: "(I) in the light of the requirements referred to in article 1. member states shall a sufficient diversity and area of

occurring migratory species not listed in annex I ... To this end. member states shall pay particular attention to the protection of ... wetlands of international

pollution or deterioration habitats..."

that article 3 of the directive imposed obligations of a general

character, namely, to ensure a sufficient diversity and area of habitats for all the birds referred to in the directive, while article 4 contained specific obligations with regard to the species of birds listed in annex I and the migratory species not listed in that annex. According to the United King-

dom Government and the Port of Sheerness Ltd., article 4 could not be considered in isolation from They argued that article 4 provided, in relation to certain spec of particular interest, for the specific application of the general

obligation imposed by article 3,

and that since the latter provision

allowed account to be taken of

economic requirements, the same should apply to article 4(1) and (2). That argument could not be Article 4 laid down a protection regime which was specifically targeted and reinforced both for the species listed in annex I and for migratory species, an approach justified by the fact that they were. respectively, the most endangered

species and the species constituting a common heritage of the While article 3 provided for account to be taken of the require ments mentioned in article 2 for the implementation of general conservation measures, including the creation of protection areas. article 4 made no such reference for the implementation of special conservation measures, in particular the creation of special protec-

Consequently, having regard to the aim of special protection pur-sued by article 4 and the fact that. according to settled case law, article 2 did not constitute an autonomous derogation from the general system of protection estab-lished by the directive, it must be held (see Santona Marshes, paragraphs 17 and 18) that the ecologi cal requirements taid down by the former provision did not have to be balanced against the interests listed in the latter, in particular

economic requirements. It was the criteria laid down in article 4(1) and (2) which were to guide the member states in designating and defining the boundaries of special protection areas. Marshes, paragraphs 26 and 27, that those criteria were ornithological ones.

The second question was

whether article 4(1) or (2) allowed a

member state, when designating a special protection area and defin-

ing its boundaries, to take account

constituting a general interest su-

economic requirements as

perior to that represented by the ecological objective of the directive. In Case C-57/89 Commission v Germany ("Leybucht Dykes") ([1991] ECR 1-883, paragraphs 21 and 22), the Court held that the member states could, in the context of article 4(4), reduce the extent of a

grounds corresponding to a general interest superior to the general interest represented by the ecological objective of the directive. It was held that economic requirements could not be invoked in that custest. It was also clear from Santona

Marshes, paragrah 19, that, in the context of article 4 considered as a

special protection area only on

exceptional grounds, being

whole, economic requirements could not on any view correspond to a general interest superior to that represented by the ecological phiective of the directive. 3 The third question was whether article 4(1) or (2) meant that a

ienatine a special protection area and defining its boundaries, take account of economic requirements to the extent that they reflected imperative reasons of overriding public interest of the kind referred to in article 6(4) of Council Direc-

H. Ragnemalm and L. Sevon Advocate General M. B. Elmer (Opinion April 30) Dudement July 11 A local authority scheme granting concessionary fares on public transport to, among others, men over the age of 65 and women over 60, did not fall within the scope of

matters of social security. schemes entitling certain classes of persons to travel free of charge or at reduced fares on public pas-

Section 93(7), which specified classes of eligible persons, included, in paragraph (a), men over

65 and women over 60, those ages

corresponding to the statutory

retirement ages for the purposes of

senger transport services.

tive 92/43/EEC of May 21, 1992 on the conservation of the natural habitats of wild fauna and flora (OJ 1992 L20o p7).

The habitats directive was to be implemented in the United Kingdon: by June 1994. Article 7 of that directive provided that the obligations under article 6(2) (3) and (4) of it were to replace any obligations arising

under the first sentence of article 4(4) of the birds directive in respect of areas classified pursuant to article 4(1) or similarly recognised under article 4(2) of that directive. Article to of the habitats directive provided: "(2) Member states shall take appropriate steps to avoid, in the special areas of conservation,

the deterioration of natural "(3) Any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site but likely to have a significant effect thereon . . . shall be subject to appropriate assessment of its im-plications for the site in view of the

site's conservation objectives... "(4) If, in spite of a negative assessment of the implications for the site and in the absence of alternative solutions, a plan or

the reduction of an area already classified, widened the range of grounds justifying encroachment on special protection areas by expressly including therein rea-sons of a social or economic

the habitats directive, justify a plan

or project which would signifi-

cantly affect a special protection

rutture. Thus, the imperative reasons of overriding public interest which could, pursuant to article 6(4) of general interest of the kind identi-fied in Leybucht Dykes, and could, where appropriate, include grounds of a social or economic

However, although article 6(3) enabled member states, for imperative reasons of overriding public conditions, to adopt a plan or project adversely affecting a special protection area and so go back on a decision classifying such an area by reducing its extent, it did not make any amendments regarding the initial stage of classification of an area as a special protection area referred to

directive. It followed that, even under the habitats directive, the classifica-tion of sites as special protection areas must in all circumstances be carried out in accordance with the criteria permitted under article 4(1)

and (2) of the birds directive. Economic requirements, as an imperative reason of overriding public interest allowing a derogation from the obligation to classify a sile according to its ecological value, could not enter into consid-

later stage under the procedure provided for by article 6(3) and (4) of the habitate directive. On those grounds, the Court of 1 Article 4(1) or (2) of Directive

Justice ruled: 79/409 was to be interpreted as meaning that a member state was not authorised to take account of the economic requirements mentioned in article 2 thereof when designating a special protection area and defining its boundaries. 2 Article 4(1) or (2) of Directive meaning that a member state could not, when designating a special protection area and defining its boundaries, take account of economic requirements as constituting a general interest su-perior to that represented by the

ecological objective of directive 3 Article 4(1) or (2) of Directive 79/409 was to be interpreted as meaning that a member state could not, when designating a special protection area and defin ing its boundaries, take account of economic requirements which could constitute imperative rear sons of overriding public interest.

area in any event included grounds relating to a superior eration at that stage. inf the kind referred to in article 644 But that did not mean that they Concessionary fares breached equality directive

Atkins v Wrekin District Council and Another Case C-225/44

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, D. A. O. Edward, G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moltinho de Almeida, P. J. G. Kapteyn, P. Jann,

the Community directive on equal treatment for men and women in The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Queen's Bench Division, by order of May 23, 1944. Section 93 of the Transport Act 1985 empowered local authorities to provide travel concession

entitlement to old age and retirement pensions, and an order made under section 93(7)(f) defined additional classes.

objective.

It was for local authorities to define, among those classes, the persons to whom their scheme The scheme implemented by Wrekin District Council applied to

disabled persons and to men over 65 and women over 60. The plaintiff, Stanley Charles Atkins, aged 63, was refused concessions under the council's against the council and the Department of Transport in which he claimed that he had been discrimi-

The court referred the question, inter alia, whether the council's article 3 of Council Directive 79/7/EEC of December 19, 1978 on the progressive implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security (OJ 1979 Lb p24). Article 3 provides: "(1) This directive shall apply to: (a) statutory schemes which provide protection against the following risks: sickness, invalidity, old age, accidents at work and occupa-tional diseases, unemployment; (b)

social assistance, in so far as it is

intended to supplement or replace

the schemes referred to in (a)."

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

The Court had already held, particularly in Case C-137/94 R v Secretary of State for Health, Ex-parte Richardson (The Times October 27, 1995; [1996] ICR 471: [1995] ECR 1-3407, paragraph 8) that, in order to fall within the scope of the directive, a benefit must constitute the whole or part of a statutory scheme providin protection against one of the specified risks, or a form of social assistance having the same

although the way in which a herefit was granted was not decisive for the purposes of the directive, the benefit must, in order to fall within its scope, be directly and effectively linked to the protection provided against one of the girls provided in artists. 2011 risks specified in article 3(1): see Richardson puragraph 9. A benefit such as that in issue did not meet those conditions.

The Court had also stated that,

It was true that, being provided for in a statutory provision, it formed part of a statutory scheme. albeit it was granted only pursuant to measures adopted by local authorities. It was pointed out that local authorities were under no duty to implement concessionary fare chemes and that they retained discretion as to the persons entitled

to the concessions and the details

of the scheme but that did not make it any less a statutory scheme within article 3(1).

Similarly, the fact that the

scheme was not formally part of national social security rules and was not the responsibility of the was not the responsibility of the Department of Social Security could not exclude it from the scope of the directive. However, a benefit such as that provided for in section 93(7) of the 1985 Act did not afford direct and

effective protection against one of the risks listed in article 3(l) of Directive 79/7. The purpose of such a benefit was to facilitate access to public transport for certain classes of persons who, for various reason persons who, for various reasons, were recognised as having a particular need for public transport and who were, for the same reasons, less well off financially

old age and invalidity, which were among the risks listed in article (1)(a), were only two of the criteria which could be applied to define the classes of beneficiaries of such a scheme of concessionary public transport fares. The fact that the recipient of a

benefit was, as a matter of fact, in one of the situations envisaged by one of the situations envisaged by article 3(1) did not suffice to bring that benefit as such within the scope of the directive; see Joined Cases C-63/9] and C-64/9] Jackson v Chief Adjudication Officer (The

367; [1992] ECR 1-4737, paragraphs.

The fact that the council's scheme benefited only classes of persons who were in fact in such situations could not affect that

Were importance attached to

that, some local schemes would come within the scope of Directive 74/7 and others would not, despite all having been set up under the same statutory authorisation, depending on whether or not the persons eligible under the schemes consisted exclusively of persons in one of the situations listed in article question did not (all within the

scope of the directive by virtue of article 3(1)(a), it likewise could not fall within its scope by virtue of article 3(1)(b), by reason of the terms of that provision. On those and other grounds the On a proper interpretation of article 3(1) of Directive 79/7. a

scheme such as that provided for in section 93(7) of the Transport Act 1985 and implemented and op-erated by Wrekin District Council. under which concessionary fares on public passenger transport tain elderly persons, did not fall within the within the scope of the directive.

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■ SNAPSHOT

The final day of our series on top tourist attractions finds that Blackpool Tower sure isn't what it used to be



THEATRE

Surprising clash of cultures: a Romanian troupe brings Murder in the Cathedral to London



work. The Flight of Icarus, has are



Piano man Mose Allison shows why he is hippest 'Certified Senior Citizen'

Michael Henderson takes a daytrip to the 'Versailles of working-class England': Blackpool Tower

Strand that time forgot

small aquarium which stocks a few unremarkable species of fish, and leave it by a noisy entertainment parlour where bored stallholders may try to sell you a fluffy bear. But nobody goes there to buy an ursine toy, or to gawp at something with fins. In their thousands they come to Blackpool still, and most of them go up the Tower.

To be absolutely precise. they visit something called Tower World, which is how "Britain's greatest seaside at-traction" presents itself. That is Blackpool all over, talking itself up like a boastful schoolboy, but it happens to be a fact. The tower, for 102 years the tolerant guardian of a naughty town, is one of Britain's top ten tourist attractions.

Take a rather rickety lift, scramble up to the viewing gallery, and the Irish Sea is under one nostril, the Winter Gardens under the other. According to the tower's brochure, this experience is the highlight of any Blackpool holiday, and the ciaim may not be far off. At least up there the holidaymaker is 518ft 9in above the dowdy streets.

It is an unlovely town. The fairest minds must concede that. But the fairest minds do not go there, favouring instead Umbria and the Dordogne, where towers look different. Mucky old Blackpool can only parade what Philip Larkin, lamenting the passing of common civic values, called "a cast of crooks nown in the world where pubs employ bouncers on their doors at lunchtime.

If every kingdom needs a

proletarian tat. So why do people keep coming? They do not come as they used to, in the 1930s and 1940s, when Frank Randle was the king of the piers and the ties of industrial urban life were more binding. But the fact that they come at all is a social

A stroll along the Golden Mile, where stars of Coronation Street hang from every lamppost, reveals a vista of unremitting grimness. This is where people come to drink in the Merrie England bar, and croon along in Nellie Dean's.



They can bop the night away in the "world famous" Palace nightclub (in Manhattan, ap-parently, they talk of little else) or least in one of the seafront nosheries where you get not only chips with your Fleetwood haddock but also "garnish", a real treat. Blackpool is a simulacrum

of an English life that no longer exists. Yates's Wine Lodge, near the north shore. used to be the only bar in England that served champagne from the tap. Now it is much like any other bar in this town, designed to cater for as many young people as It was not always like this.

When the tower was built in was in response to M Eiffel's construction in Paris. To the fathers of northern towns. these buildings symbolised palace, then the tower is the civic pride witness the mag-versailles of working class nificent town halls of Roch-England, a Sans-Souci of dale and Bolton. A hundred vinegar pot.

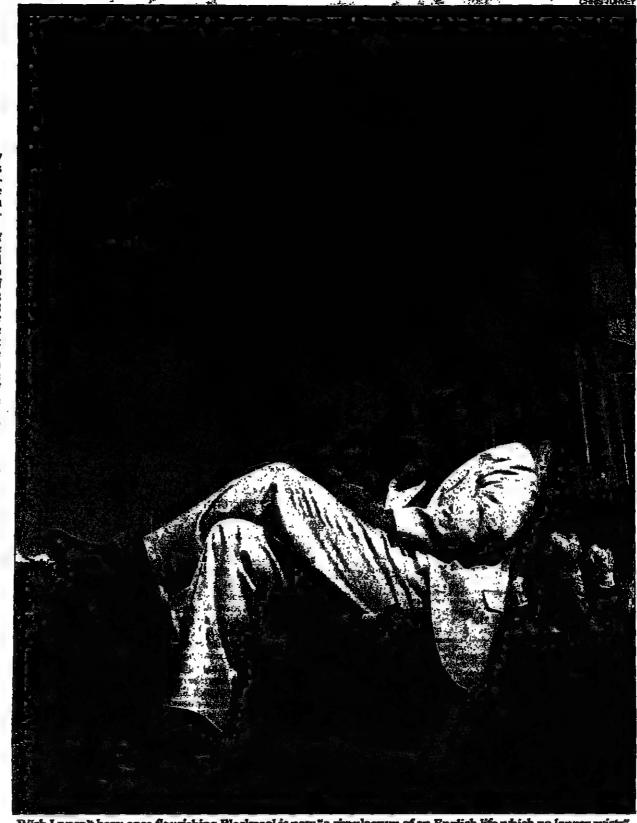
ugly shops and restaurants beneath it, the tower highlights civic indifference. Five miles down the road, Lytham St Anne's maintains its Ed-

Caught in this clash of styles. Blackpool has become increasingly surreal. Amid all the junk, you can spot two elderly couples on the floor of the Tower Ballroom, dancing gently to an organist piping the overture to Die Fledermaus. This little scene belongs to a more innocent world, when Reginald (The Organist Entertains") Dixon would rise with the famous Wurlitzer for the benefit of hundreds of dancers on the

Peter Chelsom, the filmmaker, grew up in the town and caught something of this surrealism in his 1995 movie Funny Bones. The best moment showed an impresario auditioning dozens of bizarre turns. Such goings-on would not have been out of place in the films of another seasider,

Blackpool has never aspired to class. It always been proud of its vulgarity. The problem is, its vulgarity is no longer funny. Where a great comedian such as Ken Dodd once filled theatres, there are now only third-raters. On the streets you do not find many people smiling. Like all places where "having fun" is compulsory, the atmosphere is

Pier this summer is "Chubby" they are easily offended. It is a better joke than any Brown could tell. Nobody who is easily offended is ever going to visit Blackpool, not even to scale that huge Edwardian



Wish I wasn't here: once-flourishing Blackpool is now "a simulacrum of an English life which no longer exists"

Unholy clash of symbols for a political martyr

n recent years the Romaed its country's liberation from the Ceausescus by putting on Richard III, Macbeth and Jarry's satire on power run amok, Ubu Roi. But an Aeschylean tragedy by a high-Anglican poet about the power of a 12th-century martyrdom to redeem and refresh a derelict Church? That, weirdly, is what Art-Inter Odeon has brought from Bucharest to Islington. On the face of it, Murder in the

m areas

Cathedral has as much resonian theatre has celebrat- nance in Eastern Europe as The Vicar of Dibley would

have in Tehran. But wait T. S. Eliot wrote the piece mid-way through the Decade of the Dictators, intending it as propaganda for the spirit at a time when plenty of shrill, combative voices were crusading for fascism, communism and other materialist causes. When one of Thomas à Becket's murderers asks us to applaud him for helping to achieve "a just Murder in the Cathedral Almeida, NI

subordination of the pretensions of the Church to the welfare of the State", Eliot may have had in mind Hitler's interference in ecclesiastical alfairs in Germany. Certainly, he said that he wanted "to bring home to the audience the

contemporary relevance of the Since I am about as fluent in Romanian as I am in Bulgarian, I cannot be wholly sure how Mihai Maniutiu and his company have responded to Eliot's injunction. But it is clear that they are less interested in the theological questions raised by martyrdom - can a man empty himself of human desire and resign himself wholly to the divine will? - than in its political implications. For them, Becket is to be revered because he resisted the pressures of the powerful and

> These Romanians do not give us all of Eliot, then, but they give us some of him; and in the refreshingly fierce. marvellously startling style we have come to expect of them. Eliot's chorus consists of "women of Canterbury" who have become dull, humdrum and spiritually lazy in the absence abroad of their archbishop. Here they are bundles of black rags and blue netting

managed to maintain integrity

run from a massacre. And round the neck of their crop-haired, wild-eyed leader are with their berets. Pools of chains, put there by a demonic figure in black who prowls the stage looking and sometimes acting rather like a gloating

Jack the Ripper.
The virtual omnipresence of these two - the one seeking succour from Marcel lures's Becket, the other luring him towards destruction - would have surprised Eliot. All the same, the play follows its usual course, though with obvious verbal cuts and visual twists. Becket's tempters mostly come in pairs, and look either like Persian dancers or blood appear on the stage. The chorus dons eastern masks and plays exotic pipes, skiffles and drums. Before jerking awake and killing Becket, the leather-clad knights fall prone to the ground and are covered

in sand by the chorus.

Why? Coming without my symbolism phrase-book, I missed some of the production's ramifications. But did that matter when there were moments that made the RSC's recent revival of the play seem dreadfully bland? Above all, there was lures, his weather-

beaten, knobbly face and rough carmeal gown creating a wonderfully unpretentious impression, his sobs and diffident ties bringing out something that English revivals usually overlook the fear, the vulnerability and the human weakness of Becket the martyr. That the corpse of such a man should end up sending even Jack the Ripper scuttling for the exit says much about both recent Romanian history and, yes, the resilience of Murder in the Cathedral in

the 1990s.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Serving a slice of the blues

THE world's hippest Certified Senior Citizen, Mose Allisan has been content to make his way as a cult artist for the best part of 40 years. His records, a: unique melange of blues, disorienting piano chords and mordant satire, have never sold by the lorry-load. But discerning musicians have al-

ways sought him out. Pete Townshend, Ray Davies and Bonnie Raitt have all declared their admiration for him, Next month, on September 23. Van Morrison will go a step further when he releases an entire album of Allison tunes, with the white-bearded composer making a guest appearance on a couple of

settling into a residency at the newly renamed Pizza Express Jazz Club in Soho. With the new name comes a new look, the old smoky basement ex-

> Mose Allison Pizza Express

size and given a tasteful

The surroundings may be glossier but Allison's performance, prefaced by another of his dissonant instrumental set-pieces, remained as uncompromising as ever.

Although there is always ample humour on display in the sardonic twists of I Don't Want Much or the marital infidelities of John D. Loudermilk's You Call It Around) — his sets are less a series of belly laughs than a dispassionate rummage around America's bars and suburbs.

Allison reminds me of a musical Raymond Carver, evoking the eccentricities of life in the slow lane through a handful of carefully sculpted phrases. His gruff, understated vocal style - closer to backporch conversation than

singing — enhances the storytelling mood. With so much chatter emanating from the back of the room, some of the fine detail went astray: Allison's lyrics demand close attention. His two British partners - bassist Roy Babbington and percussionist Paul Clarvis - coped manfully with the idiosyncratic shuffle rhythms of the

arrangements. Clarvis had a particularly demanding role, since Allison frowns on the use of a backbeat and all the high-hat tics that make a drummer's life easier.

CLIVE DAVIS



Cleared for take-off into the sun

WIDELY regarded as one of BBC National Orchestra of Wales's most successful commissions, John Pickard's The Flight of Icarus received its first London performance at the Proms on Wednesday night, amply fulfilling its promise. It is in a single movement, and scored for a large orchestra which makes its presence felt from the opening bars. With strings and wind in whirlwind motion, and frenzied tuckets on three trumpets, the introductory section suggests, in the composer's words, the ascent from the labyrinth lie, the aeronautical escape of Daedalus and his son Icarus from King Minos). This is not simplistic scene-painting, however, and if the middle section vividly evokes the exhibitation of flight, it also projects a sense of triumph over natural laws, of the high idealism of human endeavour. Pride comes before a fall, though, and

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suddenly catastrophe looms out of a clear blue sky. Icarus falls hubristically to his death, and his father flies on into the setting sun - an image that Pickard recreates with his sonorously spaced brass and full-textured strings. Pickard's score remains airborne over its 20minute span rather more proficiently than Icarus, leading the ear and imagination with impressive resourcefulness. A high-risk strategy of another kind was adopted by Steven Isseriis in

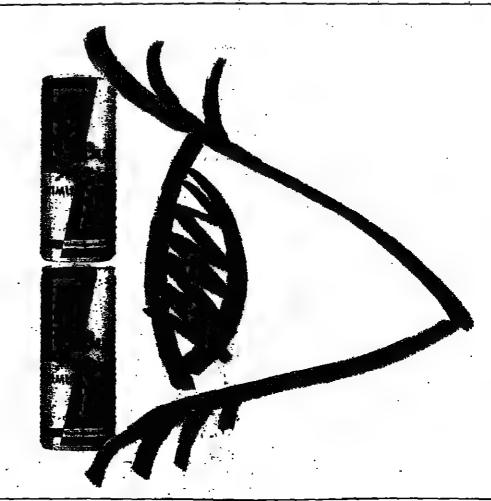
Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No I. His

wispy tone and minimal vibrato in the

eerie quality, but it played havoc with conventional norms of intonation. His third-movement cadenza continued in musing mode, until the finale restored the vehemence of the opening movement.

A streak of Slavic melancholy lingered in Rachmaninov's Symphony No 2. This was a beautifully executed performance by the orchestra, playing more confidently than ever under its new music director, Mark Wigglesworth. I admired the control of his Rachmaninov, the rise and fall of tension, the refusal to indulge in sentimentality. But I could have done with more raw passion, perhaps even a touch of vulgarity. Still, this was a commendably thoughtful, and often affecting, attempt at a far from straightforward score.

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ROBBIE WILLIAMS

(Chrysalis/EMI FREE I)

The debut single by Robbie Williams is a bit of a tease. His charisma is proved beyond doubt and we already knew he could carry a tune

thanks to his leading role on Take That

It Be Magic. But can he write? And if so,

The canny choice of the old George Michael song Freedom enables Williams neally to sidestep such thorny issues for

what I wanted to be I was every little

hungry schoolgirl's pride and joy. and I guess that was enough for me."

Now, of course, he has his freedom.

which enables him to import fashionable elements of Black Grape and the not-so-

fashionable Primal Scream into a stylish

sounds markedly different to Take That, but

opening shot, but musically it is a holding

gospel-dancefloor arrangement that

otherwise not especially distinctive.

Tactically, Freedom is a sound

operation. The real test is yet to come.

what has he got to say for himself?

hits such as Everything Changes and Could

the moment, while giving him a lyric tailormade to his circumstances, "Heaven knows I was such a young boy I didn't know

Freedom



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METALHEADZ Platinum Breakz

(ffrr/London 828 783) ANYONE wondering why there is no drum'n'bass or hardcore jungle album on the Mercury Music Prize shortlist need look no further than Platinum Breakz for the answer. Organised and partly produced by the guru of drum'n'bass, Goldie, Platinum Breakz is a multi-artist collection which offers a selection of the best sounds being produced by the cream of this underground phenomenon. including such top-rated names as Photek, Alex Reece. Dilinja and Doc Scott.

Like Goldie's own, much fêted album Timeless, it is a time-consuming experience (more than two hours) that combines many fascinating sounds and groundbreaking rhythmic techniques with in-

Beat goes on and on terminable stretches of slack,

some of it verging on the unlistenable.

The numbers all last between six and nine minutes, and nearly every one kicks off with an unidentified female voice ad-libbing over a vacuously atmospheric intro. This gradually evolves into a minimalist rhythm track that proceeds like a runaway train, but sometimes, as in Your Sound by J Majik. comprises little more than an extended drum (machine) solo.

As a soundtrack for the various activities surrounding modern urban club culturë, it doubtless takes some beating. But as an album to sit and listen to, it is a non-starter.

ALBUMS

JOHN MARTYN

(Go! Discs 828 798) AFTER 28 years, John Martyn finds himself working a patch of upmarket turf adjacent to those ploughed for much greater profit by the likes of Phil Collins and Sting. The unhurried pace of the

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Dean Ween have recruited a stellar line-up of old-school session musicians, so, although the songs are all new numbers written by Ween, the sound of the album is pretty authentic. But if the tunes and Ben

Vaughn's production pass muster, the lyrics are another matter. "For the last six months I've been packing your bag/You can wash my balls with a warm, wet rag," the boys sing in close, twangy harmony on the current single. Piss Up A Rope. And even the relatively innocuous tale of a much-loved dog, Fluffy, is betrayed by the heavily overwrought delivery.

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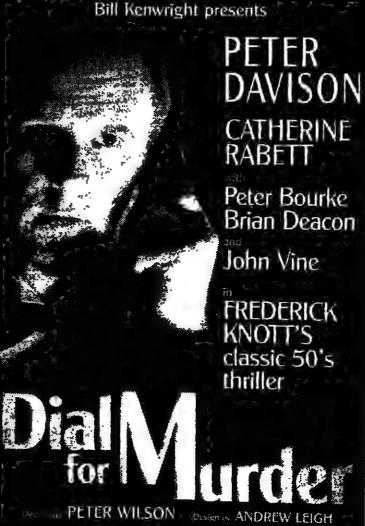
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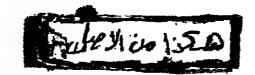
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Even after 18 years in the business, OMD curator Andy McCluskey still gets worked up about his music



POP 4

Paul Weller is just one of the many artists heading for the great outdoors to make music this summer





honist David Sanchez moves gracefully between two camps on his fine new release, Street Scenes



MONDAY

Scottish test: do Oasis have what it takes to bring 40,000 punters to Balloch Country Park?

Paul Sexton finds the man from OMD in reflective mood as he awaits the release of his new album

Will you still need me when I'm 38?

catch the sharp end of Andy McCluskey's tongue if he ever got to meet them. One of them is himself as a sulky but successful youth.

As the curator of OMD, originally Orchestral Manocuvres in the Dark, McCluskey is pondering the hit-laden history of the band which has completely filled the past is years of his life. And the memory of the lanky, earnest young man who started gyrating on national television in 1980 is not comfortable.

"I was such a self-righteous little git when I was 20, I could slap myself around," he says. He would tell his younger self: "Loosen up Andy, enjoy it. This is the first time you're on Top of the Pops, the first time you're in the Top Ten."

And why did he behave so seriously back then? "We were so determined to be free of pop cliche and keep our feet on the ground that we were really boring, he explains. We didn't allow ourselves to enjoy it half as much as I wish we

Millions of record sales later, McCluskey continues to trade under the OMD banner despite the departure in 1989 of his professional partner. Paul Humphreys. And now he is preparing for the release of an impressive new album

The sound, with its trade instantly recognisable as making records if people don't

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a remarkable vibrancy for the product of an artist in his late

thirties. record as I used to feel about records I made 15 years ago," says McCluskey. "I'm ready to fight for this. If anybody tells me it isn't good or my video isn't great, I'm ready to punch their lights out."

Such a pugnacious ap-proach should not be misinterpreted. Much of McCluskey's conversation, and some of the

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lyrical content of his album, is imbued with the mood of selfassessment of a 37-year-old asking himself whether it is quite proper still to be making pop records.

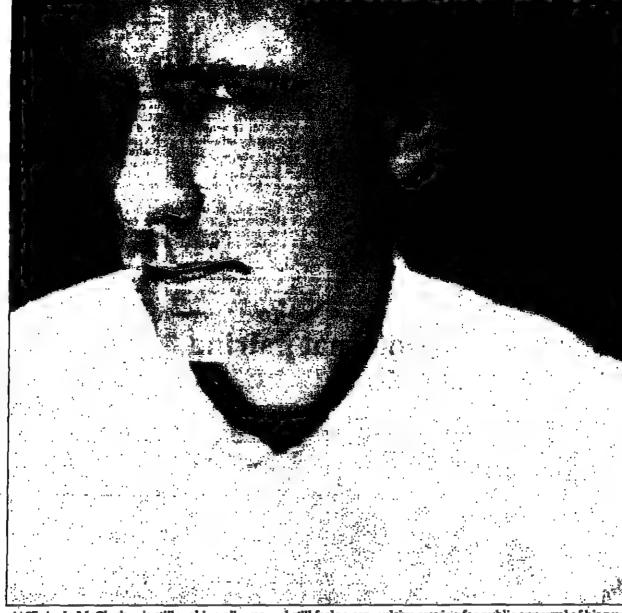
"I have a memory of myself in my late teens as a typical angry young man with lots of naive energy and determination, hating almost everything, in love with electronic music and the energy of punk," he says. "I wanted everybody who was over 25 to clear out of the way and let the new music through. Now I think God, I'm 375 There's an element of 'I don't want to keep

Wirral, the Liverpool suburb where he was born, and gives well-adjusted life free from the ego malfunctions associated meets you himself, makes the tea himself. But he is under no illusions about the motivation to succeed that drives him. "All this nonsense about 'it's

my art, I just do it for myself' ... if that's the case, fine, play your acoustic in your bedroom for your dog or your girl-friend. Nobody releases records without having some deep, searing, dysfunctional ego problem that they need satisfying," he says. "It gets worse when you've had a hit. Then you need more because you're a sad, insecure person who needs external grat-

"It's not the money. That's nice but it's not the main reason. It's exposing your emotional self — if people don't like that, you wish you hadn't done it. So if people don't want to buy my records. I don't want to do it. That makes sense, doesn't it?"

After the departure of Humphreys, a copious helping of external gratification came McCluskey's way with OMD's 1991 album Sugar Tax, which turned into the most successful record of his career, selling some two million copies around the world and producing the huge hits Salling on the Seven Seas and Pandora's Box. After that, indignity 1993's Liberator was a com-



At 37, Andy McCluskey is still making albums and still feels a compulsive craving for public approval of his work

"Liberator sold nearly half a million copies worldwide but I didn't have a hit single," says McCluskey. "Having had those since my first album, I can't abide not having hit

It is highly unlikely that he will have to suffer such an with Walking on the Milky Way, which comes out

Universal. It is as instantly endearing a pop single as you could wish for. "It's about growing up." says McCluskey.
"I think everybody at some time in their life says on, this is where I am. How did I get here? Where is my beautiful house . . ?! " He laughs at the borrowed Talking Heads lyric. "It's stocktaking of me and

Pendering his own musical survival, McCluskry can espy at least one positive thing about an industry that measures out fame by the quarter The way OMD sounded in 1981 was certainly different to almost everything else in the chart," he says. "You can argue that because it entice was a new sound, that was

disregarding the novelty factor, they were actually good songs - you can still listen to

Then it's all down to the quality of your songwriting, because you've got no new style to sell, no new face to people. And I firmly believe that I can still write a what attracted people. Maybe belting tune."

Swing shift

DAVID SANCHEZ

Street Sciences (Columbia 485137 2) SAXOPHONIST David Sanchez's solo work skilfully blends Latin rhythms with fierce-swinging jazz and Street Scenes lives up to its name by operating confidently in both genres. Thus an almost Dexter Gordon-like swagger will be succeeded by a burst of R&Btype "dirty" tenor over pop-ping Latin percussion, and a wafting soprano ballad by a gritty alto/tenor duet with

guest Kenny Garrett, The graceful acumen which enables Sanchez and his classily exuberant pianist, Danilo Perez, to move easily between their two main influences is epitomised by a second duet with Garrett. The Elements, in which a perfect blend is achieved between hard-driving swing and infectious Latin pep. Sanchez's album is that rare animal: a Latin-jazz amalgam which will be equally acceptable to afficionados in each camp.

SCOTT HAMILTON

My Romance (Concord CCD-4710) ON THIS Concord album. the American tenor man Scott Hamilton teams up with the impishly adventurous pianist, Norman Simmons, bassist Dennis Irwin and drummer Chuck Riggs, but the album's defining sound results from the blend of the front-line instruments: Hamilton has brought in the cultured Joei Helieny on trombone to share solo duties.

The material is mainly customary Hamilton fare — standards, the odd original blues, medium-tempo lopes through familiar chord sequences but a couple of tracks are subjected to intriguing arrangements which suggest that the smooth-toned tenor man is seeking to vary his

CHRIS PARKER

When God comes to the gig

The summer is good for growing things. Fruit, trees, insects, late-nightdrinking beer-guts — all that nature business. But summer's Growing Speciality is audiences. Whereas in the cold and driven spring we all huddled in 2,000 capacity cocoons, numbers weakened by colds, flu, and the horrific idea of leaving the house during night-time hours when Police! Camera! Action! is on, the summer brings with it a surge of growth hormones so powerful that we burst from the empty shells of the Forum, the Apollo and the Civic Hall, and make our way, 50,000 strong, into the Great Out-

doors for big summer music.
Paul Weller, Oasis and Pulp
are all staking out acres of
Merrie England this month. liberally -scattering it with bars, letting lesser bands play during the sunstroke hours, and finally striding onstage when the sun has fallen far enough for those follow-spots to light the lead singer holy.

And the best of times are

truly the Best Of Times when an outdoor gig comes together, when the band are so on top of things that all the audience wants to do is get on top of each other, there is nothing to beat it. Combined with the smell of copyright CIN

If a big outdoor show really takes off, life is never the same again

camp-fires, the taste of cider with moths in it, and bumping into the boy who, at school, was voted Most Likely To Succeed At Everything running a face-painting stall near the toilets, life can seem perfect. But sadly, these occasions are all too



MORAN

TOP TEN ALBUMS

Think of it from the bands point of view — they have usually been touring for a solid year. Yesterday was a headline slot at a festival in Sweden. Tomorrow is a headline slot in Dublin. They have played the songs so often that

Moseley Shoals The Smurts Go Pop!

18 Til I Die ..

conversations and we know the punchline. However Godstruck and inspired a band are when they conceive a song, they can never hope to recreate that visceral urge at

every gig. So most gigs are a live jukebox - professional renditions

of hits, misses and favoured album tracks, big flashing lights and the opportunity for the audience to sing itself hoarse and burn its fingers to a crisp on shoddy lighters during the ballads. However, every audience

Alanis Monssette (Maverick) Ocean Colour Scene (MCA)

.....Smurfs (EMI TV)
. Crowded House (Capitol)
.....Celine Dion (Epic)

Oasis (Creation)
........Fugees (Columbia)
.Tina Turner (Parlophone)
.......Bryan Adams (A&M)

- stage-wrecking, stage-div-ing, fire, riot, flood - this is why we go to gigs. Every ticket purchased is a wish that this will be the gig where the band implode, because rock mythology only has time for the most driven of moments. When bands do implode -Nirvana at Reading in 1993.

Kurt Cobain in a bloodstained smock, entering in a wheelchair and leaving after smashing up amps, guitars and drums to hysterical feedback; Manic Street Preachers' last British gig before Richey Edwards disappeared, wrecking £7,000's worth of gear and leaving the stage with nose-bleeds caused by the sheer noise they had made — then the audience is truly happy.

Our squeals and screams are part of the soundtrack to something our children will speak of with envy. In some way — with audience voodoo power - we made it happen. Of course, if the band do not

feel like injecting each other with cyanide and dying on stage while the PA plays The Marseillaise, all is not lost. Even if a band have already played 100 gigs that year, that still breaks down as: 50 enjoyable, professional concerts; 25 appalling hangover dirges; and 25 hello-mother-my-lifehas-changed occasions. When Pulp played Glaston-

bury in 1995, no auto-destruct was needed — had Jarvis ripped the set list in half at the end, it would have seemed a bit extreme. They simply played with passion, wit, love,

hunger and grace. Similarly, when Oasis played Maine Road a few months back, nothing really happened. Noel and Liam did not fight; Liam and the audience did not fight; even the expected ruck between the half of the audience who were in Fred Perry shirts versus the other half in Stussy shirts did not happen. Oasis were, simply, the most fantastic two hours happening anywhere in the world that night. And that is all that this month's big gigs really need.

Knebworth dates are sold out. Pulp play Chelmsford on August 17 (sold out) and Victoria Park, Warrington on August 18 (tickets still available). Paul Weller plays Highland Park, Chelmsford August 18 (tickets available)



CINEMAS EVERYWHERE



DRAW NO ADVANTAGE

6.15 RO-TRUCK FOR SCANIA SELLING STAKES

6.40 LUCINDA STOPFORD SACKVILLE LADIES HANDICAP (£3,720° 1m 4f) (7)

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5-2 Makeed, 3-1 Belmanta, 7-2 Go With The Wind, 5-1 Re Men Hown, 10-1 Children's Chance, Straf's Legacy, 14-1 Star Anise.

1 1025 RUSHCUTTER BAY 15 (F.G.) T Clement 3-9-10 G Facilities (7) 8
10315 GOLDEN POLIND 14 (D.F.) Miss 8 Kellenen 4-9-9 J Reid 6
3 -310 DARK DEED 24 (D.F.) B Hilbs 3-9-7 Miss 4
6562 FARR ASARN 7 (F.G.S.) Mis J Ramodim 4-9-3 J Fortune 2
2 223 MCHISPHOLE 46 (B.D.B.F.) R Guest 4-9-1 K Durley 1
6 2321 BAYIN 14 (D.F.G.S.) M Usite 7-9-1 F Street 7
7 0021 ROBELLION 8 (V.F.G.) D Arbetters 5-9-8 (Feg.) S Whitworth 3
8 -006 SAFEY ANA 35 (F.G.) B Harbury 5-8-5 J J Stack 5

5-2 Fame Agam, 3-1 Bayer, 4-1 Robellion, 6-1 Dark Deed, 7-1 Mousebole 8-1 Golden Pound 10-1 others

7.40 scania 1996 truck of the year trophy (Handicap: £5,754: 1m 2f) (14)

8.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BEACON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,581: 71) (9)

11-4 Social Piliar, 3-1 Entrepreneur, 7-2 Dide Jernborne, 6-1 Redwong, 8-1 Mathoni, 5hous, 10-1 others.

8.40 derek jones commercials for scanta fillies conditions stakes (25,394; 6) (5)

1 -356 ROYALE REURINE 21 (CO.J.G.S) M Februsian-Godiey 5-8-12

2 -213 WATCH ME 43 (D.G) R Hemon 3-6-12 ... MHBb 1 3 4568 MADD FOR THE HILLS 7 (DD.F.G) D Ladis 3-8-6 P MECINE (3) 4 4 0-20 RED MYMEN 46 (D.F. W HOWS 3-8-5 ... B TROPPOR 3 5 0030 TROPICAL DANCE 34 (D.F.G) Mis J Cept 3-8-6 . K Carley 2 Evers Watch Me. 5-2 Royale Figurine. 5-1 Maid-For The Hills, 7-1 Rad Hymph, 10-1 Tropped Dence.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSERS: D Loder, 20 winners from 99 namers, 20.2%, J Gosten, 54 from 362, 14.9%, E Alston, 4 from 31, 12.9%; R Guest, 6 from 48, 12.5%, L Curnerd, 34 from 278, 12.2%, Mrs J Remaden, 10 from 82, 12.2%.

JOCKEYS: J Stack, 7 winners from 54 ndes, 13.0%; R Hills, 28 from 255, 11.0%; M Hills, 35 from 237, 10.4%. Only qualifiers

7.10 VARDY CONTINENTAL HANDICAP

THUNDERER

Royale Figurine.

GOING: GOOD

GOLF

Three-colour trick causes cards chaos

FROM MELWEBB IN GOTHENBURG

FOR a while there was more for a comic disaster became then a small element of farce surrounding the first round of the Volvo Scandinavian Masters yesterday. It was a slapstick effort that turned part of the day into a sort of Carry On Up The Scoreboard - and it depended on the colour yellow, or red, or blue, or any combination of the three.

The hues in question were those adorning the bibs worn by the caddies, and with the scoring system set up to recognise players' scores by the colour of the bibs, what later became a great lark all stemmed from wrongly-coloured bibs being given out to

many of the caddies.

Add the fact that a good number of the volunteer scorers on the Forsgårdens course idea what some of the players looked like, and the potential more obvious. There were mistakes in 25 of the first 26 three-balls on the scoreboards. Confusion reigned. Among several howling er-

rors was that Colin Montgomerie, tall, fair and well-built, was mistaken for David Feherty, shorter, dark and wiry, with the result that they were given each other's scores. It would have suited Feherty very well — he had a 75. Montgomerie a 69 — but the fact that Montgomerie's caddie was wearing Feherty's man's blue bib meant nothing in the recorder's cabin.

Montgomerie, it goes with-out saying, knew exactly what he had scored and, in accordance with the new precepts of his professional life, which could be summed up in the phrase "more work equals what I score. It's important to more birdies equals more have self-belief — after all, I



the leading pair, on a day of scoreboard confusion

smiles", was happy enough with his three-under-par round, which left him two shots behind Santiago Luna and Thomas Bjorn, the joint

"If I put in everything I can into my practice, it will get rid of any disappointments and frustrations I might feel," he said. "If I do that, I'll be quite happy with myself, no matter

realise I am good at this game." Such modesty — but there is no denying that he is

John Daly was in trouble again. He returned a 69, then had a two-stroke penalty im-posed on him for brushing away a tiny pile of sand in front of his ball on the fringe of the 9th green; he did not know that the only place that would have been permitted was on

Father and son eye chance of final pairing Richardson, from Burghley Park, in Lincolnshire, putted well yesterday, too, and was six under par in overcoming Gary Wolstenholme, the Mid-Amateur Cryer, to keep alive hopes of a final that would be a first in the history of the championship. But before father can meet son over 36 MANY moons ago, when Ian Richardson

was a talented young professional, he sought the help of John Jacobs, for the unusual reason that he was desperate to lose length (Patricia Davies writes). Even champion. He also proved too good for now, at the age of 50, long reinstated as an amateur, he has power to spare and has Lew Watcham, of Bedfordshire. However, there is yet another Richardson progressing through the other half of the draw: Carl, Ian's 19-year old son, yet to use a wood in five rounds of the English Amateur Championship at the Notts Golf Club, Hollinwell. defeated Robert Chattaway and Matthew

holes tomorrow, there are still two matches to be won by each of them. The immediate hurdles are John Pounder, of Yeovil, for Richardson senior and Justin Rose, the 16-year-old boy-wonder, from Hampshire, for Richardson junior.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Gibbs ready to make curtain call

BY CHILISTOPHER IRVINE

THERE was an example last Saturday of Scott Gibbs at his best in rugby league. At short range, the London Broncos' defence had more chance of catching a runaway truck. It was a treasured try and a fitting farewell if Gibbs had opted to bow out then.

The postscript is tonight at Castleford Gibbs, officially, is a Swansea rugby union player again, two years after his departure from St Heien's for its rugby league namesake on Merseyside. St Helens man-aged to persuade him, despite his new £200,000 four-year contract with Swansea, to turn out one more time.

Gibbs is a reassuring pres-ence tonight in a back line missing Alan Hunte and possibly Paul Newlove, should the Great Britain centre not recover from a painful toe injury. Gibbs's contribution will be recognised by a winner's medal in the post, provided St Helens maintain their narrow lead of the Stones Super League.

"I wouldn't be going unless I thought St Helens could win the Super League." Gibbs, who leaves on good terms.

Bradford Bulls' search for a successor to Brian Smith as coach has ended on their doorstep. Matthew Elliot, Smith's popular Australian assistant, will be confirmed today as coach for next season. Smith leaves for Parramatta after the play-offs next

ASCOT

6.00 Umberston. 6.30 Taufan Boy. 7.00 Queen's Pageant. 7.30 Kayvee. 8.00 Silca's My Key. 8.30 Liefling.

GOING. GOOD TO FIRM DRAW NO ADVANTAGE

6.00 BUCKINGHAM PALACE APPRENTICE

(2) 0421 ACTION JACKSON 7 (F) B McMath 4-9-12 (4p) (8) 0-00 TROLETTE 74 (B. CD G 5) R Williams 4-9-12 (very 1) (8) 0-00 TROLETTE 74 (B. CD G 5) R Williams 4-9-11 Amee Cook (6) 07100 SOCIAMA 7 (B.D.F.G) R Flower 6-9-4 . C Adamson (1) 050 SHAPP PROGRESS 15 A Jane: 3-9-3 . Sophie Michael (1) 5000 RSSNG SPRAY 7 C Hogan 5-9-0 . Amanda Sanders (7) 49-0 DURSHAN 27 (F.G) J Jenker 7 8-13 P 00c (5) (3) 4214 VOCES IN THE SAY 2 (6) A Newcombe 5-8-10 E Parkin (9) -650 URREPRISTON 22 L Curram 3-8-8 ... R Fibrarch (5) (5) 0000 PRINICE DE SERVEY 27 B Medera 5-8-6 ... D Sweetens (10) 6000 BRONZE RURNER 11 (B.D.F.G) E Wheeler 12-7-12

luna Wands 53
11 (4) 0000 LEAP IN THE DARK 11 (P) Mess L Sedall 7-7-11
T Sedall (5) 84 4-1 Action Jackson, 5-1 Limberton, Sociema, 6-1 Voices in The Sky, 8-1 faising Spray, Triplette, Prince De Berry, 10-1 others

6.30 INVOSHIRE GROUP HANDICAP (£5,680: 1m 2f) (12) (25,000.11m cf) (1.2)

1 (1) 0621 ALAFLAK 27 (D.F) W Hem 5-10-1 Pal Eddory 97

2 (5) 420 CHARTER 65 O Chappel 5-9-9 W J O'Comnor 91

3 (7) 1114 ROUFONTANE 73 (D.F.G.S) W Mars 5-9-5 R Harin (5) 94

4 (8) 2111 PSTOL 9 F.G. C happen 6-9-5 (see) Paul Eddory 94

5 (11) 3132 SHARPICAL 24 (D.F.G.) W Prescol 4-9-4 G Duffield 96

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7 (9) 3632 TAUFAN EOV 20 (B.G.) P Nercol 3-9-0 G Final 97

8 (2) 015 C.AMPES DANCER 96 (D.G.) A Turnell 3-8-11 T has 97

10 (4) 0301 ROI DE LA MER 13 (F.G.) J Alerunz 5-8-8 M Tebbatt 98

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10 (10) 4-40 LA FILLE DE CEROLE 15 (G) R Wildere 4-7-10 M Bard (5) 33

3-1 Falts, 5-1 Ashby Hill, Petal, 7-1 Shermant Taulan Box, 8-1 Redontshire.

Faits, S-1 Achity Hill. Pictol, 7-1 Starpacal, Taulan Boy, 8-1 Routonishne Alalitak, 10-1 others.

7.00 INVOSHIRE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0 fillies: £5,472-61) (6)

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1 (1) CAERFILLY DANCER R Alebans 8-11 ... T Dulen —

2 (2) 2 CAFECHISM 13 J Gesden 8-11 ... P 6 Hand W

3 (5) ELBARHA M Javek 9-11 ... P Robinson —

ETMA L Curado 8-11 ... P Robinson —

5 (3) 3 GUEEN'S PAGEANT 67 J Spanning 8-11 ... K Fatton 6 (4) 5 ZAMA 13 J Durlop 8-11 ... K Fatton 5 Durlieski —

7-4 Calachism, 8-2 Elma, 7-2 Chemi's Pageant, 5-1 Elbanin, 6-1 Zalma, 18-1 Cashifly Dancas

7.30 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE/JOCKEYS ASSOCIATION RATED HANDICAP (\$6,318: 71) (7) (6) DOM RAYVES 6 (C.D.F.6) G Harmood 7-9-7. A Clark 93 (7) 14-5 CHAMPAGIKE PRINCE 16 (D.P.) P Harris 3-9-4 — 6 Hard 90 (1) 1014 LAW COMMISSION 14 (D.P.) D Ebroris 5-9-3 T Dunno (S. 000) PERME SAVARITE 13 (F) R Harmon 4-9-1 M (D'Commis 86) (3) 3020 STAR TALBHT 44 (D.F.B.8) Alexs 0 Kelleury 5-8-13

8.00 PEREGRINE SECURITIES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £5,578: 71) (8)

7-4 Liteon Town, 4-1 Brate, 5-1 The Declay, 6-1 Manhactrolie, 8-1 Estat Pari, Slica's My Key, 10-7 others.

8.30 CRANBOURNE CHASE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £5,394: 1m 4f) (5)

BALLET H8M I Batting 9-0 T Claim - 32 CABALLUS 18 Lord Hurstogdon 9-0 B Drayle 85 59 MOON MISCHER 23 (8F) Laby Hernes 9-0 Part Ecidery 97 0 LIFET MG 23 J Geschin 9-P Acidens 9-0 MATKINAL TREASURE 23 M Stouts 8-9 P Robinson 1-4 Cabellus, 5-2 Liefling, 7-2 Moon Machel, 9-2 National Tressure, 6-1 Ballet

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M Prescott, 5 waters from 20 numers, 25.0%, Lidy Herries, 8 from 37, 21.6%, J Duntop, 26 from 135, 19 3%, R Alestonsi, 13 from 76, 17.1%, W Hern, 3 from 18, 16.7%, J Gosden, 19 from 124, 15.3%

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 34 winners from 244 rides, 13.9%, T Quinn, 25 from 185, 13.5%. Only couldier:

Morny next for unbeaten Zamindar

ZAMINDAR, Zafonic's full-brother, remains unbeaten after two outings with an all-the-way victory in the group three Prix de Cabourg on the opening day of the Deauville Festival yesterday. Ladbrokes cut the colt to 8-1 for next year's 2.000 Guineas.

Although most observers considered that yesterday's victory was workmanlike, rather than brilliant, the Andre Fabre-trained colt was never in danger of defeat and had 24 lengths to spare over Dyhim Diamond.

Thierry Jarnet, the winning jockey, said: "Zamindar showed plenty of courage and did just what I wanted. He is the obvious favourite for the Prix Morny, but Grant Pritchard-Gordon, representing Khaled Abdulla, put yesterday's race into perspective. He said:

Morny will be the real test." The group one Prix Morny, which Zafonic won in 1992 takes place at Deauville on Sunday August 18.

Zamindar has had two easy races now. The

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to him

Going: good to firm
2.15 (1m 6) 1, BENATOM (Pat Eddery,
P-2 lav), 2, Mental Pressure (k Daviey,
7-1), 3, Arnhem (B Doyle, 12-1), ALSO
RAN 13-2 Nereus, 8 Jazz King (Ah),
Sharal, 11 Ornoco Rever, 12 Guman (68h),
Infamous, 14 Ela-Yie-Mou, 20 Mightly
Phantom (5th), 11 ran 13-1, 25-5, rik, sh
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£100 90 CSF £30.81 Thosai £287 64
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2.45 (6) 1. EASYCALL (B Doyle, 7-2), 2.
Rephane (N Darley, 7-4 Inv) 3. Roman Imp (D Holland, 11-1) ALSO RAN, 5 Proud Rathre (4th) 13-2 Close Rotestro, 12 Buc Ridge (6th), 25 Hornbeam (5th) 7 ran 31, 91, 11, 5th hd, hd 8 Meehan al Lambourn Tote £4 60, £22.0, £190 DF £4 60 CSF, £9.24 After a showards' incursy, results escold

Indumy, resultance 3.20 (2m) 1 GREY SHOT (Par Eddery, 3-1), 2, Leer White IJ Red, 13-2), 3, Perstan Punch (G Bardwell 11-4 fev) ALSO RAN 4 Kalabo (6th), 5 Admiral's Well, 20 Spartan Heartbear (5th), 25 Daraydan (4th) 7 run Hd, 3VI, 2VI, 3h d, 2VI I Balding at Kingadera Tote, 23 60 £1 80, £2.80 OF £9.40 CSF-£19.94.

\$1,957.21

4.25 (7) 1, QUINTELLINA (IK Darley, 5-4 ax), 2, Seabga (J. Carroll, 10-1), 3, Happy Go Lucky (S. Sanders, 50-1) ALSO RAN-9-2 Efbyshin (4m), 8 Ink Pot, 12 Logica, 14 Dundel (8th), Lucky Dip, 25 Laguna Bay, 50 Amarella, Elegani Dance, French Mist (5th), Saver Sends, Soder Sound Appeal 15 ran NR Prefly Sharp, 291, 141, 15 h. hd, sh. hd, 21 L. Cumani at Newmarkst Tote £2:30, £1:40, £2:90, £5:00, DF £9:10. The \$2387.50. CSF-£13.04

e6.00. DF £9.10 Tno £387.50. CSF-E13.04 St. 1. FREDRIK THE FIERCE (K Darloy, 8-11: 2, Tear White (Darlo O'Neil, 6-1) 3, Top Of The Form (I Williams, 4-1 lav) ALSO RAN 7 Bramble Bear, 9 Joint Venture. One-himph With You (5th), 11 Robec Girl 12 Pran For Profit (8th), 14 Rudi's Per (4th), 16 Stiver Spole, 20 Protec Darsouse 11 ran. 11, 11, 14, hd. nk. J Berry al Cockerham Toto, £9.80 £260, £220, £1 80. OF £37 10. Trio £36 10 CSF £48.56. Tircast £198.13. 5.35 (1m 1) 1, KOATHARY (K Durley, 20-1), 2, Urigent Swift (W J O'Connor, £5-1); 3 Henrey White (R Firench, 16-1), 4. Felry Knight (Dane O'Noil, 20-1) ALSO RAN 5-1 fav Knig Of Sparta, 11-2 Pastemak, 13-2 Price Of Pencile, 7 Pay Homage, 9 Superpinde, 10 Tharmes Side 12 Set The Fashlon, 14 Classic Defence, 16 Aerolong, Far Dawn, Mr Rough, 25 Loddingforzeranbow (6th), 33 Captisin's Day, 40 Minrosa (5th) 18 ran 1/41, 21-1, kl, 131, kl, L Cotrel at Cultompton Tota. £54.00, £7.50, £10.00, £4.20, £4.30 OF

2586 60 Tho £2.619 00 (part won, pool of £2.213 26 carried torward to £45 at Goodwood today) CSF £419 99 Tricast £7.457 89

Jackpot: not won (pool of £127,999.75 carried forward to Goodwood today). Placepot: 063.40. Quadpol: 016.50.

Yarmouth

Going: good 2.00 (6f 3yd) 1. RAMBOLD (R Purrorn 7-1), 2. Indian Relative (D Grafishs, 12-1), 3. Never Think Twee (If Adams, 5-1) ALSO RAN 3-1 law Cheeky Chappy (4ft), 4 Red Adamsi 8 Oborgo s Dari (5th), 12 Royal Fantaro, 16 Persian Butterfly (6fth), 20 Sponish Stripper, 25 First Option 10 ran 194, 144, hd, 194, 31 N Berry at Lambourn Toto C850; 62-20, 62-80, 61 90, DF 650 90 The 6184-70, CSF 575-98 Theast 6429-32

C75-98 Treast 629 32
2.30 (6) 3yd) 1, ABSTONE QUEEN (G Canter, 13-2), 2, Brefini (T G McLaughin, 64 Lav), 3, Le Shuitle (P Robinson, 6-1) ALSO RAN 11-2 Grovelar Flyer (Mh), 13-2 Marsh Mangold (5th), 10 Emmas Breezo, 30 Trof's Treasuro, Victory Ar Hart (6th), B ran 21-1 hd, 21, 1, 11/1 5 P Evans at Weishpool, Tote C7-50, 52-30, 61 20 61 60 DF 68 76 CSF 616 18 E1 20 E1 60 DF E8 70 CSF £16 I8
3.05 (\$1 43yd) 1, HEAD OVER HEELS NV
Ryan, 4-6 fav), 2, Song Of Shye (6
Carier, 15-8) 3, Sous Le Nez (D Griffiths,
13-2) ALSO RAN 20 Anokato (4th) 4 ran
2, 2-51, 41 J Gosdon at Novemark et Tote
£1 40 OF, £1 30 CSF £2 38
3.35 (71 3yd) 1, UNDERCOVER AGENT
(G Carior, 8-15 fav), 2, River Of Fortune
£1 P Rubmson, 7-1), 3, Lady Godiva (N
Carisle, 9-2) ALSO RAN 11 Ivory Davin
£6th), 20 Fortcaudette (5th), 25 Ms
2man, 33 Jannyhytvo (4th) 7 ran 11, 15),
21, hd, Mr, J Dunlop at Arundot Tote
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4.10 (71 3yd) 1, NASHAAT (P McCabe
6-1), 2, Awesome Venture (D R McCabe
9-2), 3, Wild Palm (Enrina O'Gorman,
9-2) ALSO RAN 11-1 tor Young Annapol
(5th) 5 Great Bear (4th), 10 hony's Grab
Hire, Thunder River (8th), 50 Razm 8 ran
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Markel Resen Tole £7 80; 21 60 £1 80
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4.45 (1m 2) 21yd) 7 MAZILLA (R Havim, 11-2) 3, Perse (G Carter, 4-1), ALSO RAN 4 Passage Creeping (4th), 6 Dancing Destiny (6th), 9 Téchwell Lass, 12 Ma Potte Anglasse, 20 Fikra, 33 Pars Splendour (5th) 9 ran 161 NJ 147 3, 114. A Streeter of Utioxeter Toto £3 90, 116.0 £170, £2.00 DF £1190 Tho £26.0 CSF £18.27 Tineat £56.68

Wednesday's late details

Epsom

Going: good, good to firm in places 8.00 (1m 21 18yd) 1 Soviet Bride (R Hav-lin, 9-4 1av), 2, Kaalih Homm (100-30); 3, Rising Dough (4-1) 6 ran 31, nk. 5 Dow Tote £2.60, £1.60, £2.80 DF £4.20 CSF £8.95

6.30 (6f) 1, Aegean Sound (W J O'Connor, 8-15 (av) 2, Gilding The Lily 115-8), 3, Coal To Demonds (12-1) 3 (an 2) dist R Hannon Tole £1 70 DF £1 10 CSF £1 79

7.30 (7) 1. Balance Of Power (S Sanders, 9-1) 2. Yo Kin-B (9-2 law), 3 Broughtons Turmon (11-2) 15 ran, Nk rk. Akchrosz Tole £10-40, £3-10 £1-90 £2-90 OF £21-30 Tho £51-20 CSF £49-78 Tricast £240-16

8.00 (6) 1, Lord Olivier (M Tebbuti 6-1) 3. Talatitius (6-1), 3, Palacegate Touch (7-2) No Extras 9-4 fav 8 ran Nk, 11-1 W Jarvis Tote £11 10, 52 40, 51 90, 61 20 DF 538 03 CSF 539 37 8.30 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, Supermick (M Henry, 8-1) 2, Norsong (6-1), 3, Shining Dancier (10-1) Rocquaine Bay 4-1 (av 13 ran 15), 4 W Muri Tote 56.30 51.90, 52.70, 53.80 DF 517.90, Tho 598.40 CSF 554.18 Tricast 5457.63

Placepot £37.60. Quedpot £16.00.

Stratford

Going, good to firm, good in places 6.15 (2m. 710yd fidle) 1, Ragamuffin Romao (R Massey. [4-1], 2, Indian Minor (40-1) 3. Heretical Miss (4-1). Seft-Em-Alghr 11-4 law 9 rain 11, 25-1. H. Sawyor Tote. £21.80. £3.10. £5.80. £1.30. DF £315.20. Tricast. £2,400.74. 6.45 (2m 6) 110/yd halle) 1 Ordog Mor (D Byrne 2:5 favl 2, Murberry (5-1), 3 Tuc Your Forelook (20:1) 6 ran 201, 9) M Meacher Tote £150, £1.10, £1.90 DF £2 10 CSF, £3.04

7.15 (2m I/ 110yd ch) 1 Stately Home (A Johnson, 11-8), 2, Noblely (5-4 fav) 3, Plying Zad (16-1) 5 rais 5/34 P Bowen Tote (\$2.0, £1.20, £1.40, DF, £1.50 CSF £3.41

Car 13 41 7.45 (2m 110)/5 holle) 1. Chancey Fella (A P McCoy, 7-2) 2. Samba Sharphy (7-4 tay) 3. Sonsky (11-2) 11 ran ½1, 131 H Huynes Toke 12 80, 11-30 E1 60, 11-30 DF 124 60 Two 126 00 CSF, 129 16 8.15 (2m 41 ch) 1, Sonic Star (A Maguiro 9-4), 2, Sh4ziree (11-8 tay) 3, Sydmonton (20-1) 6 ran, 8, 5; D Nicholson Tote, 23-00, £1-40, £1-50 DF £2-50 CSF £5-64

8.45 (2m 3! hdle) 1. Jerzsoph (D J haranagh, 11-4 fav), 2. Strong John (4-1) 3. Circus Colours (7-1), 8 ran 2, 1-4 P Hobbs Tote £3.40, £1.70 £1.60 £1.90 DF £7.60, CSF £13.22 Tricast £51.07

Placepot: £27,60. Quadpot: £1.50.

☐ Willie Carson, injured in a fall at Newmarket a week ago. has further delayed his return to the saddle. He had hoped to return at Goodwood vesterday, but pulled a muscle answering the telephone yesterday morning, and will not be back in action until tomorrow at the earliest.

see Shot with gall. NEWMARKET 6.15 Uncle George. 6.40 Children's Choice. 7.10 Mousehole. 7.40 Arabian Heights. 8.10 Shouk. 8.40 3-1 Uncle George, 9-2 Particus Piliptit, 5-1 Harmann, 6-1 Dancing Lawyer, 7-7 Mics Loughner, 8-1 Kurwam, 10 1 Only, 12-1 others.



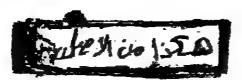
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RACING: LOCHSONG TEAM CELEBRATES ANOTHER EMOTIONAL WIN

Grey Shot strikes target with gallant success

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

THE Lochsong team of Jeff Smith and lan Balding were back in the winner's enclosure yesterday, eyes glearning with scarcely concealed tears of joy, after a Garrard Goodwood Cup success which could not have been in greater contrast to the exploits of their famous

While the highly-strung Lochsong had speed to burn, Grey Shot is a laid-back stayer whose will to win exceeds that of most British Olympians. Setting out to make all the running, under Pat Eddery, around two miles of the switchback course, he looked a sitting duck as his six rivals prepared to pounce turning for home.

However, Grey Shot would not be denied and showed great courage to repel the challenges of Daraydan, Persian Punch and then Lear White to win the most thrilling finish of the week by a head. Both owner and trainer are used to the adrenalin pumping, produced by success at the highest level, but the bravery of their stayer triggered an emotional response which was the equal of anything brought about by Lochsong.

Smith, whose colours were also carried into third place by Persian Punch, said: "It's a totally different battle. This race was won by courage and while Lochsong was not without guts, she had such blistering pace. These stayers offer such a wonderful spectacle. They give everything. Sprinters are a wonderful sight in full flow but in stayers' races

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MAWINGO (2.45 Goodwood) Next best: Royale Figurine (8.40 Newmarket)

you really see the courage of the thoroughbred."

Balding, his voice choking with emotion, added: "This horse is so brave. He just keeps pulling out more. I used worry about Lochsong because she was such a livewire on the racecourse and we had to get her down to the start in one piece. Grey Shot is at the total opposite end of the spectrum."

"I have to admit Lochsong

system remains to be seen, but ever trained as we had her that much longer, but this one could replace her because wewill have him around for some years, all being well. He could

Having started the season by running Double Trigger to a head at Ascot, Grey Shot disappointed at York and in quently found to have put out a vertebra. After Tony Gilmour, a back specialist, had worked the oracle, the horse put on weight and began to thrive. Without wishing to take

anything away from Grey Shot, the absence of the two Mark Johnston-trained Doubles — Trigger and Eclipse — probably meant the Cup race was not of the highest standard. However, as the winner is a stone better on soft ground a rewarding autumn campaign is in prospect. "He's entered in the Melbourne Cup, which is a possibility," Balding added.

Just what the Goodwood crowd makes of the incessant stream of announcements made over the loudspeaker Trophy.

the speciators were certainly tat-tat announcer when he told them a "high-class field" was lining up for the Richmond

the seven runners would suggest a group two race on paper was group three or even a listed race in practice, so it may be wise not to read too much into the comfortable success of Easycall, who put three lengths between himself and Raphane.

This meeting is proving particularly kind to bookmakers and their good fortune continued in spectacular style when Missile, the handicap "good thing" in the Schweppes Golden Mile, failed by a short head to catch Moscow Mist. Missile was backed to win more than £90,000 in major on-course bets, while the sup-port for the winner can be gauged from his starting price — 66-1.

Kevin Darley completed a 424-1 treble in the last three races of the day to leapfrog Pat Eddery and lead the race for the jockeys' London Clubs



Grey Shot, left, holds off the determined challenge of Lear White to capture the Goodwood Cup yesterday

GGODWOOD

3.50 Tipey Creek

2.15 Miss Riviera

2.45 FAHIM (nep)

3.20 Midnight Legend

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 BETTER OFFER. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Ood Dancer, 2.45 FAHIM (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

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4.25 Prairie Falcon

(3-Y-0: £21,705: 7f) (16 runners)

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2.45 VOLVO TRUCK FINANCE GLOBETROTTER HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £34,020; 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1986: JALFREZI 7-18 S Sundus (6-1) J Tailor 14 m

FORM FOCUS

3.20 SCHRODERS SLORIOUS RATED HANDICAP (Listed race: £30,579: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

SETTING: 4-1 Microph Lagged, 9-2 Salmon Ladder, Beller Other, 5-1 Sen Ol Sharp Shall, 6-1 Sanneutine, 8-1 Reliably Book, 10-1 others. 7005- MODERT LESSED 4-9-7 L Date: (7-2) L Commo 7 xm FORM FOCUS

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3.50 JOCKEY CLUB OF KENYA MOLECOMB STAKES BBC2 (Group III: 2-Y-0: £23,400: 5f) (7 numers)

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DEEP FINESSE had Number Premiere 146 in group

III Prix du Biols al Longchamp (St. solf). TIPSY
CREEK that Rephane 11 in 10-runner group it hands. Previously beat Foot Britation 1361 in a 6-caser conditions as Royal Asson (St. good to limin.)
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Salication: DEEP FINESSE

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

4.25 European breeders fund foohall maiden stakes

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5.00 CHICHESTER CITY HAMOICAP (3-Y-O: £7,050: 58) (9 runners)

SHASE2 WHITE SHIR 15 (D.D.E.F.E) (The Thrise Bears Rackey) B Machine 9-7 B Doylo ### SHARE PERM 15 (D.D.E.F.E) (The Thrise Bears Rackey) B Machine 9-7 B Doylo ### SHARE PERM 15 (B.D.E) (D. Yaray) J White 9-10 ### SHARE PERM 15 (B.D.E) (D.Yaray) J White 9-10 ### SHARE PERM 15 (B.D.E) (D.Yaray) J White 9-10 ### SHARE PERM 17 D.F.E) (D.Yaray) J White 9-10 ### SHARE PERM 17 D.F.E) (D.Yaray) J White 9-10 ### SHARE PERM 17 D.F.E) (D.Yaray) J White 9-10 ### SHARE PERM 17 D.F.E) (D.Yaray) J White 9-10 ### SHARE PERM 15 EXCEPT 16 (D.F.E) (D.F.E) ### Failuration-Bodkey 8-0 M Honey (S) ### SHARE PERM 15 FAILURE PERM 15 FA

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5.35 IGHRARA APPRENTICE LIMITED STAKES (26,808: 60) (11 runners) | Description | 1990: FEST VEL S-8-7 It Variey (4-1) J Farehann 7 cm

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Minimum race values are set to drop in 1997 after the decision of the Levy Board to reduce its contribution to prizemoney next year. The reduction of £1.4 million means cuts in prize-money will average 4.2 per cent for Flat races and 3 per cent for National Hunt events.

Salmon Ladder to step lively

GOODWOOD

2.15: The lightly-raced Cross Of Valour has progressed with each run and looked as though he would appreciate today's seventh furlong when chasing home Sylva Paradise at Yarmouth ten days ago. Green Barries is arguably the form choice, having been raised only 2lb for his latest success over the Luca Cumani-trained Kilvine. That result should tell with **Ood Dancer**, who

showed a good turn of foot to

2.45: This is far from up in trip. Mushahid looks sure to appreciate the extra two furlongs after pipping Phantom Quest over a mile at Doncaster, while Fahim and Crown Court will also

form Geoff Wragg has althe progressive colt, who would suit when beating North Song cosily at Newmarket last time.

ing no time running Better Offer after his narrow victory over Beyond Doubt at

recently. Pat Eddery should be able to drop in the Night Shift colt from his moderate draw and he can follow up off a 41b higher mark. straightforward with several progressive horses stepping

Kuala Lipis is fairly treat-ed on his handicap debut, having won in a fast time at York, but Mawingo is a confident choice. The inready won three races with looked as though today's trip

3.20: Guy Harwood is wast-

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Ascot on Saturday and he should be thereabouts off only a 31b higher mark. Midnight Legend, last year's winner, takes a drop in class after tackling group company and would be thereabouts if returning to his best. However, Salmon Ladder is the choice after showing that his Ascot handicap victory off ten stone was no fluke when just going down to the well-regarded Wall Street at Newbury. The step up to a mile-and-a-half should suit and can bring about further improvement.

3.50: These Creek did this column a big favour at Royal Ascot where Ben Hanbury's fast sprinter overcame a bad draw to score in a decent time. A reproduction of that effort should suffice here. The Dayjur colt has reportedly done well since Ascot and can maintain his unbeaten record. Vax Star. second to Dazzie in the Windsor Castle, duly followed up at the expense of the well-regarded Compton Place at Sandown and looks the main danger.

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You can use your SWITCH or DELTA Bank or Building society

debit cards to bet on the

2.00 Benzoe, 2.30 Bold African, 3.00 Trilby, 3.30 Royal Result, 4.05 Irish Fiction, 4.35 Backhander. GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP 3,873; 60) (9 runners)
1 0332 B99/20E7 (CD.F.S) Mrs. J. Ramsden 6-10-0 J. Fornina 6
2 5400 HERE COMES A STAR 7 (CD.F.S) J. Cart 8-9-11. A Cultaina 4
3 1314 CHERY CHAPPY 1 (0,0,8F.F.G.S) 0 Chipman 5-9-8 (Part)
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Hayhurst at end of road as Somerset take action

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

TAUNTON (first day of four: Hampshire won toss): Somerset have scored 412 for six wickets against Hampshire

COUNTIES too often duck the tough decisions, but Somerset went to the opposite extreme esterday, making political intrigue out of a sensitive yet straightforward selection issue. Andy Hayhurst, the club captain, was stood down from the side an hour before the start against Hampshire. He may not play at this level

The official reason for Hayhurst's demotion is his form which, with only two championship scores above 15 this summer has, unarguably. been dire. Suspicions both in the dressing-room and around the Taunton ground, however. ran far deeper and the handling of the matter seemed needlessly heavy. Hayhurst may be under pressure to resign the captaincy but, last night, he stressed he had no intention of doing so.

To add to the drama, his late replacement in the side, Marcus Trescothick, responded with 178, the highest score of his career. It was an impressive piece of batting by a young man who should have been given a regular place this season. The fact that he has not, within a team selected by Hayhurst and Peter Bowler but not by the director of cricket, Bob Cottam, undoubtedly helped to bring the leadership issue to a head.

Hayhurst was called in for an early morning meeting with Brian Rose, once the county captain and now their chairman of cricket. It was his decision to omit Hayhurst and, while insisting that the NatWest Trophy defeat at the Oval on Wednesday had no bearing, he did not pretend it



Hayhurst: dire form

"It was a big shock to Andy and I feel very sad for him," Rose said. "We all have to make some tough decisions and I wish I didn't have to do this, but I honestly believe it is in the long-term interests of

The long-term future of Hayhurst is unclear but, by applying for the vacancy as cricket secretary of Lancashire last winter, he was tacitly admitting that his playing days are almost over. He has made only 224 runs this season, averaging 18.66, and he will play in the second XI as from Monday. He seems certain to be replaced as captain, though whether it is by Bowler, who took over yester-

day, remains to be seen.
This has all been done in a rush and we must live with the decision for a while to see how it pans out," Rose said. "We gave more selection responsi-bility to the captain and vicecaptain this year and whether that is the right system, I don't know. From now on, we need to get the voungsters perform-

In part, this was achieved at a stroke. Restored to the opening role he enjoys, Trescothick batted for five hours, hitting 32 fours in a poised and attractive innings. It is three years since his debut but he is still only 20 and Somerset must back him with a long run in the side.

Hampshire, fielding a raw attack still missing Connor and Benjamin, were donated two early successes by rash strokes, one of which cost Bowler his wicket before he had scored. But a green pitch, preferred by Bowler to the groundsman's original choice, offered little assistance on a day of batting domination.

Trescothick, playing only his sixth championship game of the summer, added 154 for the third wicket with Harden and 51 for the fourth with Parsons. He played a full range of shots and, when the ball began to turn, for Udal, he demonstrated the softhanded timing that brought him to the county's attention.

For once, Shane Lee was overshadowed, making only 26 before being caught on the boundary, but by the time Trescothick was caught at slip Somerset were in firm control. Turner and Rose, with a rapid half-century, took them past 400 and they are well placed to follow up their win over Yorkshire last week.

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Wells forces the ball through the leg side during his double century against Northamptonshire yesterday

Leaders aided by rising Wells

BY IVO TENNANT

LEICESTER (first day of four: Northamptonshire won Leicestershire have scored 364 for seven wickets against Northamptonshire

WHEN Vince Wells scores a century, it is invariably a large one. In three consecutive matches this season he made 200, 201 and 197, two of these innings in the championship, one in the NatWest Trophy, and all of them compiled with the authority of one whose standing in the game rises inexorably. Yesterday he struck an unbeaten, career-best 202, which was of inestimable worth to the joint champlonship

For Leicestershire had been put in on a pitch the hue of lime green and, Simmons apart, possessed nobody else capable of mastering the Northamptonshire attack. In the course of his innings. the season for the first time in his career. He exemplifies the adage that an English batsman does not reach maturity

until he is 30. He and Simmons, who made 261 in his only previous innings against Northamptonshire, put on 152 in 38 overs. The decision to field, taken by Fordham in Bailey's absence, was an understandable one. Yet the pitches here. as at Northampton and Derby, are not always all they look. Ambrose was unable to gain much life or movement. Only Curran, who took the first two wickets, bowled with

Ambrose, who fields at first slip these days, held two low catches with a nonchalance that belied his awkward height. The second was to account for Macmillan, one of two wickets Snape took in his first over, which was rather later in the day than he might have envisaged. Emburey re-mains the first-choice spinner and might yet do so for some

There was little help for either of them. Their concern. at this stage, was to contain Wells, who collected his runs efficiently all round the wicket. Not a great many of his strokes remain in the mind's eye, but that could be said of several good batsmen. Wells reached his double century in the closing overs, having struck 30 fours and a six off 292 balls and preserved his

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four: England Under-19 won toss): England Under-19 have

scored 203 for six wickets against New Zealand Under-

THERE will have been some

anxiety in the England Under-

19 ranks at tea yesterday.

before a fifth-wicket stand of

101 between Ben Hollioake

and David Sales restored

some parity in the first NatWest under-19 Test match.

The home team, led by Gareth

Batty in the absence of Alex Morris, appeared to have won

an important toss, but de-

clined to 103 for four after 34

overs in a match disrupted by

Hartley comes to Yorkshire's aid

BY SIMON WILDE

EASTBOURNE (first day of four; Sussex won toss): Sussex. with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 312 runs behind

A RAMPAGING eighth-wicket partnership of 151 in 93 minutes between Richard Blakey and Peter Hartley. both of whom made their best scores of the season, pulled Yorkshire out of trouble at the Saffrons yesterday with all the resourcefulness of aspiring championship winners. Hartley added gilt to the lily by removing Hall and Lewry. the nightwatchman, as Sussex stumbled to 33 for two by the

Hartley, who has not allowed his benefit to prevent him making several important contributions on the field. top-scored in Yorkshire's total 345 with a bright and breezy 89 that occupied only 76 balls and contained two sixes and 16 fours. Coming as it did after Yorkshire had crept uncertainly to 150 for seven, it was chemistry of the day.

Among the suffering bowlers was Ed Giddins, finally named yesterday as the Sussex player who had failed a random drugs test two months ago. In identifying Giddins, the Test and County Cricket Board charged him with using a prohibited substance and bringing the game into disrepute. He will face the board's full disciplinary committee on August 19. He remains free to play county cricket in the meantim

Giddins was hoicked unceremoniously over mid-wicket for six by Hartley, who also drove Law over the long-on boundary during his third half-century of the season batting at No 9. Blakey was more subdued than his partner in what was Yorkshire's highest ninth-wicket stand since 1935, but not much. He hit one six and 12 in his unbeaten 80 which lasted 114

Under this fierce assault. the Sussex bowlers, previously disciplined. last their length and some of their spice. During the morning, admittedly under heavy cloud cover, they made the ball swing and had Yorkshire on the rack. Vaughan. Byas and Moxon were all bowled, although they might not have been had they been on the front foot.

Bevan, given an early re-rieve by Speight in the gully, briefly threatened to bludgeon e out of tro he was dismissed in peculiar circumstances. In attempting a pull against Giddins, he was struck by the ball on the chin. and under the initial impact kicked his stumos.

McGrath and White began the rebuilding with a careful stand of 90 before Drakes. whose final figures of five for 99 were his best for Sussex, removed both during a spell of three wickets in 11 balls.

Hick steals Kent's thunder with style

By JACK BAILEY

CANTERBURY (first day of four, Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 311 for six wickets

IT WAS Ladies Day at Canterbury. So what with all the ladies in those lovely hats, a phalanx of distinguished visitors - spearheaded by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the former Archbishop of Canterbury - and Kent, unbeaten in the championship, it would have been difficult for anyone unconnected with the Graeme Hick, though, ac-

county to steal the scene. complished it with some ease. Emerging from the slough of despond that was for him the Lord's Test, Hick showed how well he is suited to the county game. Steadily, surely and sometimes brutally, he moved

David Roberts and Ed Smith gave England Under-

19s a largely untroubled foun-dation, but the advent of

Daniel Vettori's slow left-arm

spin, in only the seventeenth

over, slowed progress, illus-

trating that spin will play a

key role in this match. Exploit-

ing the worn surface, Vettori

With David Lloyd, the England coach, watching, Holli-

oake and Sales renaired the

damage in composed style. After his notable first-class

debut, Sales needed TCCB

intervention to ensure his

participation in this match.

but yesterday he was obliged

to play with caution, reaching his fifty in III balls.

consistently beat the bat.

England kept afloat

by buoyant Sales

on to 148 before being run out. After McCague had missed him on 16, from a difficult chance off his own bowling, no other form of dismissal seemed likely. At ease with all the bowling, he made his century from 150 balls during three hours and 20 minutes. That Hick was comfortable

with himself was made glaringly apparent following his own escape. Headley tested him with two bouncers. Both were pulled with great power, through mid-wicket. No more attempted bouncers: instead, Kent settled for pegging back Worcestershire, chipping away after Hick and Spiring had put on 160 for the fourth wicket, But, after Hick, Kent would have settled happily for removing six batsmen before close of play.

DeFreitas haul causes misery for Gloucester

By Geoffrey Wheeler

PHILLIP DEFREITAS captured five wickets in an innings for the first time this season as Derbyshire, still very much in the championship hunt, took control against Gloucestershire at Derby yes-

Only Matthew Windows, with 76, offered lengthy resistance as Gloucestershire were bowled out for 217, which increased their miserable tally of batting points to 14 in 11 games. With Windows punshing a wayward Dominic Cork, they reached 114 for three before DeFreitas caused a rapid decline in their fortunes.

After losing two early wickets to Courtney Walsh, Derby-

shire recovered through a partnership of 96 between Kim Barnett and Dean Jones and, at 166 for four, are 51

Ashley Metcalfe is within nine runs of his first championship century for Nottinghamshire at Worksop, where Glamorgan restricted them to 268 for five. The former Yorkshire player has so far hit 14 fours and a six.

Chris Lewis, who is hoping to prove his fitness to the England selectors while captaining Surrey against South Africa A at the Oval, was upstaged by Mark Patterson. an Irish player on trial who took six for 80 as the touring side were dismissed for 379.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Gloucestershire

DERBy (tirst day of four. Glouces won toss): Derbyshire, with t won toss). Dertyshme, with six first-ratings wickets in hand, are 51 runs behind Gloucestershire. GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First travings Trainer low b Malcolm ..

Total (96 overs) DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

K J Barneri Iow b Alleyne A S Rollins c Russell b Walsh C J Adams b Walsh M Jones not out Extras (b 8. to 4, nb 14) ... Total (4 wids, 37 overs)

FALL OF WICHETS: 1-1, 2-29, 3-125, 90MLING Walsh 13-3-63-2 Smith 7-0-33-0, Alleyne 9-2-27-1: Lewis 6-2-20-0, Symonds 2-0-11-1 Bonus points, Derbyshire 4 Gloucestershire 2

Impires: J H Harris and G Sharp Kent v Worcestershire CANTERBURY (first day of four; Warcestershire won loss): Warcester-shire have scored 311 for six wickets

Departure

of Carr

new blow to

Middlesex

LORD'S (first day of four

Middlesex won toss): Essex, with all first-innings wicket

in hand, are 232 runs behind

MIDDLESEX, who were al-

ready going through a diffi-cult period of transition,

suffered another setback yes-

terday when John Carr an-

nounced that he is to retire to

take up a new position as

cricket operations manager

with the Test and County

How big a loss that will be

was immediately emphasised

side while Mike Gatting re-

covers from knee surgery, had

to call on all his operational

skills to engineer a recovery

after Middlesex had lost their

first two wickets without a run

on the board against a resur-

gent Essex, who are begin-

ning to make the champion-

He made a pretty good job

of it. Pooley emerged from his lean spell to join Carr in a

third-wicket partnership of

106 and then Brown demon-

strated his fighting qualities once more by batting through

40 overs for an unbeaten 64.

inspiring enough resistance from a lengthy tail for Mid-

Carr. 33, whose father, Don-

ald, was the first TCCB secre-

tary, will become head of their

cricket department on Octo-

ber I, effectively replacing

Tim Lamb on his promotion

Middlesex's present fragility was quickly exposed when

Hou's early swing did for Weekes and Ramprakash in

his first two overs. Fortunate-

ly. Pooley revealed signs of

returning form with seven

fours in his 50 and Carr

showed that he is still fiercely

committed to the cause by

surviving two difficult

chances to make 6ts, including

Both of them fell to catches

Middlesex were slipping back

into trouble when Wellings

missed a hook against Hott

and had to retire with a cut

above the left eye which

needed a couple of stitches. Brown, however, spent long

before deciding to concentrate

on a career in cricket not to be

deterred by things like that

and Wellings returned to

prove that he had not lost his

nough in the boxing ring

second slip by Gooch and

If fours, in three hours,

diesex to reach 264.

to chief executive.

pacesetters look over

Middleser

Cricket Board.

†\$ J Rhodes not out . S R Lampit not out Extras (b 5, fb 4, nb 18) Total (6 wkts, 104 overs) W K Ellis, R K Ulingworth and Shanver to bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-22, 2-59, 3-106, 4-266, 5-278, 6-264,

BOWLING McCague 21-2-71-1, Head-ley 25-3-94-1, Eatharn 20-8-38-2; Flem-ing 6-1-18-0, Patel 28-8-63-1; Hooper 3-1-12-0; Liong 1-0-8-0. KENT: TR Ward, DP Fullon, NJ Llong, "CL Hooper, MV Fleming, MA Eatham, MJ Walker, †8 C Wills, DW Headley, MJ McCague, MM Patel,

Bonus pomis Kent 2 Worcestershire 3 Implies H D Bird and J W Holder. Leicestershire v

Northamptonshire LEICESTER (first day of lour; North-amptionshine won lose). Laucistershine have scored 384 for seven wickets against Northamptonehine LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

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J Weils not out

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B F Smith c Riptey b Curren

B F Smith c Riptey b Curren

P V Surmons b Snape

G f Machillan c Ambrose b Snape

P A Nitron c Fordham b Emburey

G J Parsons Ibw b Snape

A R N Plenson not out

A R N Plenson not out when Carr, captaining the

Total (7 wids, 104 overs) ... M T Brimson and A D Mullally to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-96, 3-137, 4-289, 5-291, 6-348, 7-361 15-1-66-0; Curran 12-1-60-2; Capel 10-2-45-0, Emburey 21-3-57-1; Penberthy 14-3-33-0; Walton 3-0-16-0; Snape 12-0-42-3.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE *A Foutharn, J.N. Snape, T.C. Walton, K.M. Curran, D.J. Capel, M. B. Loye, A.L. Penberthy, J.E. Emburev, 1D Ripley, J.P. Taylor, C.E.L. Ambrose.

Bonus points Leicesterahire 4 Northamptonshire 3. Umpires: Plulian and J D Bond

Middleset v Esser LORD'S (first day of lour: Middleses war loss) Essex, with all hist-innings wickels in hand, are 232 runs behind Middleser MIDDLESEX: Pirst Impings

Weekes o Rollins b liott ...

Total (94,4 overs) FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-0, 3-106, 4-136, 5-184, 6-212, 7-234, 8-242, 9-258

BOWLING Not 22 4-11-47-4, Wilhams 20 4-78-1 Irani 15-5-34-1 Cowin 21-2-76-4, Law 14-9-14-0, Such 2-0-9-0 ESSEX: First lanings G A Gooch not out A P Grayson not out Extras (to 4, nb 2)

Total (no wist, 8 overs) A P Cowart, N Hursain, S G Law "P J Prichard, R C Irani, 191 J Rollins, M C flots, N F Williams and P M Such to bat BOWUNG Fraser 4-0-13-0, Johnson 4-0-15-0

Bonus points Middlesen 2 Essex 4 Unipres B Leadbeater and B J Meyer Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan

WORKSOP (tirst day at lour. Not-linghamshire won loss) Nottingham-shire have soured 368 for five wickets against Glamorgan PROJECT INVARIANSHINE: First wrining PR Pollard b Watkin
RT Robinson & Maynard b Watkin
tW M Noon & Metcon b Croft
A A Moteallo not out
"P Johnson low b Gibson
C L Carris b Gibson
M N Bowen not out

Extrac (fb 13, nb 9) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-97, 3-132, 4-162, 5-259 BOWLING Walkin 23-11-46-2, Gibson 23-8-62-2, Crolt 25-12-50-1, Butcher 13-1-56-0, Kendnck 18-7-41-0

GLAMORGAN: S P Jumes, H Morre, A W Evans, "M P Maymard, P A Cottey, G P Butcher, O D Gloson, R D B Croft N M Kondrick, 1C P Metson, S L Waffen Bonus points Normghamshire 2 Glamorgan 2 Umples: B Dudlesion and k J Lyons

Somerset v Hampshire TAUNTON (first day of four, Hampshire ison loss) Someiset have scored 412 for six wickets against Hampshire

SOMERSET: First Immigs M N Lathwell c Aymes b Bovil M E Trescathick c Keech b Bovil P D Bowler c Aymes b Milburn Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 2, nb 18) 27 Total (6 wids, 104 overs) ...

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-39, 3-193, 4-244, 5-310, 6-324 BOWLING: Bovill 23-4-101-2; Milbum 20-1-82-1, James 19-1-78-0; Stephen-son 17-1-78-2, Udal 23-6-63-1; Laney 2-0-3-0.

HAMPSHIRE: J S Laney, *JP Staphen-son, K D James, R A Smith, V P Terry, M Keech, †A N Aymes, W S Kendall, S D Udal, J N B Bovlit, S M Milburn. Bonus points: Somerset 4 Hampshire 2. Umpires A.A.Jones and M.J. kitchen.

Sussex v Yorkshire EASTBOURNE (first day of four, Sussax won loss). Sussax, with eight first-runngs wickets in hand, are 312 runs behind Yorkshire YORKSHIRE: First Livings

M D Moson b Lewry

M P Vaughan b Lewry

D Byas b Drakes

M G Bevan nit wicket b Giddins

A McGrath c Salisbury b Drakes

C White c Speight b Drakes

R J Bakey not out

D Gough low b Drakes

P J Hartley c Speight b Drakes

E W Silverwood b Salisbury

R D Siemp b Giddins Total (89 overs) FALL OF WICKETS 1-3, 2-12, 3-22, 4-55, 5-145, 6-146, 7-150, 8-301, 9-327

BOWLING: Lewry 17-4-54-2; Drakes 27-5-99-5, Glddins 19-2-76-2; Law 9-0-61-0, Salisbury 17-11-42-1. SUSSEX: First Innings

Total (2 wkts, 12.2 overs) *A P Wells, K Greenfield, M P Spi D R Law, †P Moores, †D K Salisbur, Drakes and E S H Glddins to bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-33 BOWLING: Gough 4-1-4-0; SfN 6-2-23-0; Hartley 2 2-0-5-2. Bonus points: Sussax 4 Yorkshire 3. impres: V A Holder and T E Jesty.

Tour maiches Scotland v Pakistanis

EDINBURGH (Scotland won toss): the Pakistania beal Scotland by 108 runs PAIGSTANIS Extras (lb 5, w 7, nb 12)

Total (5 wkts, 60 overs) Saglain Mushtag, Abs-ur-Rehman, Mohammed Akram and Shahid Nazir did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS, 1-57, 2-81, 3-144, 4-282, 5-281.

BOWLING: Thomson 10-1-49-1; Stan-per 7-0-48-0; Gourley 10-1-52-0; Williamson 10-0-51-3; Relier 3-0-21-0, Sheridan 10-0-60-1. BCOTLAND

I L Philip low b Nazir B G Lockie c Asri b Ala-ur-F B G Lockle c Asri b Ala-u-Renman

G N Reiter low b Nacir

B M W Patterson c Moin b Saqlain

G Salmond c Shehid b Saqlain

J G Williamson c Mushhaq b Saqlain

M Stanger st Moin b Saqlain

JA G Davies low b Mushhaq

S Gourtey c Asri b Shahid

K L P Sheridan b Shahid

K Teomson online K Thomson not out Extres (b 3, lb 6, w 8, nb 12) Total (45.3 overs) ,....



against Kent

BOWLING Ala-ur-Rehman 4-0-24-1, Mohammed Alvam 7-2-38-0; Mushaq Ahmed 9-2-21-1; Shahid Nazir 9.3-1-31-4; Saglan Mashlari 10-0-35-4; Asil Mujiaba 6-1-20-0 Umpires D Walker and D M Potter

Surrey v South Africa A THE OVAL (first day of four: South Airca A won loss) Surrey, with all first-rinnings wickets in hand, are 369 runs behind South Africa A SOUTH AFRICA A: First innings

S G Koering b Nowell
G F J Liebenberg b Lewis
H H Gibbr c Nervic b Parierson
H D Ackerman c Brown b Raidlife
"J Commins low b Patierson
D N Crockes c Brown b Nowell
N Boo and and D N Croties C Stown & Newell N Boje not out 1S J Patitraman C Knott b Patierson L Musener b Patierson M W Pringle b Patierson G Gilder c Shahid b Patierson Estras (0 5, 80 3, w 2, no 16) Total

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-104, 3-104, 4-187, 5-260 6-325, 7-349, 8-365, 9-379 BOWLING: Lews 16-5-46-1 Patierson 17-3-4-80-6, Nembor: 12-2-40-0 Ward 7-2-21-0, Nowell 18-2-76-2 Shahid 4-0-22-0, Ratciffe 13-4-54-1; Smith 4-0-32-0

SURREY: First Innings J D Ratcliffe not out G J Kennis not out Extras (fb 1, nb 2) Total (no wkt) N Shahid, A D Brown, A W Smith, I J Ward, "C C Lews, 1J A Knoft, R W Nowell, S G Kenlock and M W Patterson to bait

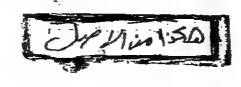
BOWLING Pringle 3-0-6-0; Gilder 2 1-1-Umpres. K E Paimer and P Adams. First Under-19 Test match England v New Zealand

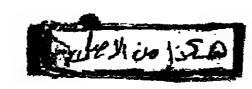
OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four England won loss), England have scored 203 for six wickets against New Bersland ENGLAND: First Imnings

D J Roberts run out
E T Smith c Walker b McMillen
A J Swamn c Walker b Verton
D J Sales not out
O A Shah c Parlane b Verton
B C Holloake c and b Mortand
G J Barly low b Mortand
D C Naish not out Extras (b 2, fb 2, nb 2) Total (6 wkts)

D A Cosker, J Ormand and C L Campbell to bat FAUL OF WICKETS 1-38 2-72, 3-72, 4-92, 5-193, 6-193 BOWLING Sewel 8-1-23-0, Yowich 4-0-25-0 Cunis 9-1-26-0; Velton 21-7-65-2. McMillan 8-2-14-1, Morland 20-6-48-2. NEW ZEALAND: M D Beil, M D J Walker, M R Perlans, "C D McNillan, J D P Oram, J A Yovich, S J Cunis, †G J Hopkins, D L Vetton, N D Mortand, D G

_412 Umpres R Pairrier and D R Shepherd





Berger agrees Anfield move

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PATRIK BERGER, the Czech Republic midfield player, yesterday signed for Liverpool for £3.25 million, but now awaits a work permit as he comes from a country outside the

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said: "He's a Liverpool player subject to the medical and obtaining a work permit. He's had the medical but in this day and age there are tests and scans which take time to get a result from and it will be a while before it is all put together and we can say definitely whether he has come through that.

"Also we can't do anything without a work permit. He can't even train or be in the country. The only way he can be here is as a tourist but not a footballer. It is a long drawn out exercise but it is nice to get the player to sign from my point of view." Liam Brady has re-

turned to Arsenal as head of the chub's youth development programme.

Peace mission

Rugby union: England's new proposals for re-entry into the five nations' championship were received by the presidents of the other three home unions yesterday. Fred McLeod, the Scottish RFU president, said: "The individual Unions will be discussing those proposals and will then meet within the next week to consider their collective response. In the meantime, until we have discussed the matter further, it would be inappropriate to comment further."

☐ Saracens, Harlequins and Sale are trying to sign David Campese, the Australia wing, who said: "I've spoken to all three clubs but at the moment I'm: undecided. All I know is that I want to play my last couple of years of top level rugby in England."

Ellis beaten

Golf: Matthew Ellis, the warm favourite for the title, and Chris Rees and Stephen Jones, the former winners, were knocked out in the first round of the Weish Amateur Championship at Ashburnham yesterday.

Men's Individual Men's Individual THIRD ROUND: M Françai (N) bt S Zabrodsky (Lhr) 170-160; J Huan (LS) bt S Zabrodsky (Lhr) 170-160; J Huan (LS) bt Halen Shang-Feng (Talvan) 189-162; P Yermaier (Bel) bt S Medved (Stowania) 181-159; L Torres (Pr) bt J Anchrendo (Mex) 189-150. On Kyo-moon (S Kor) bt M Grov (No) 167-159; Kim Bo-ram (S Kor) bt M Grov (No) 167-159; Kim Bo-ram (S Kor) bt M Beans (N) 167-160, M Petersson (Swe) bt M Beans (N) 187-163, Jang Yong-ho (S Kor) bt R Johnson (LS) 182-160)

Athletics Women's high jump Women's high jump
CUALFRATION (1 99m or leading 12 to final)* Pool A: equal 1. I Behasona (Lief), N. Bakoganni (Gr.). A Bevilacqua (Lief), N. Bakoganni (Gr.). A Sevilacqua (Lief), N. Bakoganni (Gr.). A Sevilacqua (Lief), Y. Weler (US) and S. Kostacinova (Bul), T. Weler (US) and S. Kostacinova (Bul), T. Weler (US) and S. C. Tiebberry (US) 1-90; equal 10, S. Cacharon (Swatz) and D. Merri (GR) 1 85 Pool B: ecual 1, A Asiatel (Ger), H. Haughard (Nov), T. Motobova (Pos) and N. Zinnskerne (Lith) atl 1.93, 5, B. Blac (Stovenia) 1.93, 6, 2. Kovaccinova (Cc), 1.93; 7, T. Kiramova (Belo), 1.90; 8, K. Bergovast (Swet) 1.90, 9, L. Hagopett (ES) 1, 100; 11, C. Quintero (Cube) 1.90; equal 11, Y. Lysthova (Rus) and V. Shopina (Usr) 1.85; 1, Cibrruitsa (Motol) 1.85; equal 14, A. Acufi (LIS) and A. Javast (Stovenia) 1.85.

Women's long jump OUALIFYING (6 70m or leading 12 to first):
Cualifiers: Pool A: 1, F May (f) 6 85m; 2, C
Auriwa (Nigerial 6.81, 3, S Jaklobely (f) 6, 6 75; 4, I Yesse (hun) 6.73; 5, I Cherborhoove
(Uriy) 6 70; equal 6, J.Joyner-Kersser (IS) and
A Karczmarek (Pol) 6 70; 8, N Boogness (Aus)
6 67, 9, N Xarmou (Gr) 6 60 Pool 8: 1, i
Pranctzleva (Bul) 6 62; 2, C Brunner (N2)
6.82; 3, V Patoukidou (Gr) 6.58; 4, F Hyackith
(LIS Virgin Islands) 5 50 Non-qualifier: 8, D
Lewis (GB) 6.33

Badminton Men's singles FINAL: P.E Hoyer-Lanson (Den) bt Dong Jong (China) 15-12, 15-10 Women's singles

PINAL: Being Soo-hyun (8 Kor) bt M Audina (Indo) 11-8, 11-7, Mixed doubles FINAL: Gil Young-sh and Kim Dang-moon (S Kor) bt Ra Kyung-min and Park Joo-bong (S Kor) 13-15, 15-4, 15-12

Basketball CLASSIFICATION ROUND: Pitch to eighth place: Greece 115, China 75, Brazil 80 Crostie 74.

Canoeing (sprint) Men's 1,000m Canadian singles

CENTERCHENT SITTOPRES
SEMI-PINALS, (irst two in each heat and factest lose: to fired). Heat one; 1, 1 Sebjer (Cro) 4-min 15.50sec; 2, V Partnot (Florn), 4,14.33, 3, N Neisson (Den), 41.457; 4, J Kubica (Slovelida), 4.22.77; 5, K Nepodyayar (xxx), 4.25, 26, G Marchell (Cra), 4.27.27, 7, Harper (US), 4.39.94, Heat Bots 1, 14.69, 14.14.81; 4, J M Chresto (tip), 4.15, 2, P Sylvicz (r), 4.11.48; 3, N Buldhelor (Bul), 4.14.41; 4, J M Chresto (tip), 4.15, 50; 8, V Section (Mobil), 4.16.33; 8, V Asternia (Libb), 4.19, 15; 7, 8 Parelim (Por), 4.31.18.

Men's 1,000m Canadian pairs Men's 1,000m Canadian pairs

SEM-FINALS (first two in each heat and
fastest loans to final). Heat one: 1, Canada 6

Giles and D Howel 245.07; 2, Eutpaid (M
Marinov and B Stoyenov) 3.45.12; 3, Ulcraine
() LyAymento and O Braywy 246.84; 4,
Croeta, () Funcial and 1 Stojen) 3.45.07; 5,
Potand († Galess and D Nesyykowski)
3.46.72; 6, Lebeldian (V Strayslamov and 3
Strayslamov) 257.03. Heat next 1 Modows (N
Juravsohl and V Renelschi) 3.44.02; 2,
Spoin (J Ben and O Shelessanko) 346.81; 4,
Kazafrisatan (S Singeyev and N Narmasambeton) 251.55; 5, Casch Republic (P
Sacher and P Fulsa) 3:51.57; 5, South Korea
(Chang-lyu) Paik and Kwang-aik Jun)
3.62.04.

Men's 1,000m kayak singles SPAI-FRALE (first from in moth treet and lastest loser to final): Heat enet 1. B Borrowii (ii) 3-40 89; 2, K Holmsyn (filer) 3-41 89, 3, L Decembi (Gar) 3-425; 4, A Galgoralis (Filer) but 1.32; 5, S Cusmin (Filer) 444, 44, 63, 8, 11 47) 3-44, 68; 8, J Garcia (Filer) 5-48, 85; 1, Laster (Filer) 5-58, 85; 2, B Februari (Filer) 3-43, 85; 2, 4 Reposed (Filer) 3-44, 34; 3, 2, 4 Cattleron (Filer) 5-44, 34; 3, 4 Cattleron (Filer) 5-44, 34; 3, 4 Cattleron (Filer) 3-44, 34; 3, 4 Cattleron (Filer) Papeacu (Porr) 3:44.31; 9, 4 Calideron (Sc) 3:44.77; 4, M Kolehmainen (Pint 3:45.51; 5, R Broan (Stovelda) 3:46.82; 6, H Heide (Ex) 3:47.22; 7, 2 Kesmitirar (Hun) 3:49.58; 8, V Olis (Fr) 3:81.83; 9, V Tereinchenico (Uir) 19:28.54.

Men's 1,000m kayak pairs Meminis 1,000m Rayar pears

(Base-RANALS (first four in each heat and
featest loser to first); Heat one: 1, Baly (A
Rosal and D Scarpe) 3:18.84; 2, Denmark (T
Heaten and J Steel) 3:17.42; 3, Bulgera (M
Kazanov and A Dushley) 3:18.48; 4, Hungely
(F) Hegedus and P Almasi) 3:18.52; 5,
Australia (G Leury and P Scott) 3:19.55; 6,
Slovalas (J Kadner and A Szabol) 3:20.90; 7,
Czech Republic (P Hustel and J M Sanched)
3:24.03; 9, Argandha (A Szaburti and J Cornea)



328 12. Heat two: 1, Polend (D Blakowski and G Kotowicz) 3 18.02; 2, France (P Lancereku and P Lubec) 3 18.72; 3, Germany K Buhm and T Gutachiya 3 19.32; 4, Sweden (M Occlasson and S Maimstern) 3 19.90; 5, Linked States (J Miconey, and P Newton) 3:19.83; 6, Portugal (P Fermandes and J Cuelton) 3:22.27; 7, Rubesin (A Nershi and A Tlain) 3:22.30; 8, Lithushia (V Kuponeidas and V Mizzwa) 3:24 46:9, Great Britain (G Bourne and P Derby-Dowmen) 3:25.34.

Men's 1,000m kayak fours Men's 1,000m kayak fours
SEM-FRALS (first hwo in each heat and
fastest loses to first) Heat one; 1, Soain (M.
Garote, J. Gonzalez, E. Marchan, G. Vicente)
300.791 2. Canade, (M. Acostol, P. Gätes, L.
Jewell, R. Crichlow) 3:01.30; 3, Bulgaria (P.
Karadchov, P. Mericov, N. Yordenov, C.
Croykov) 3:01.42, 4, Uersine (N. Kulicia, O.
Sherishlyy, A. Bozzalov, A. Pierov) 3:05.64; 5,
Crach Republic (K. Lestine, P. Mezz, M. Chanel,
J. Polvika) 3:08.61; 5, United States (G. Bader,
P. Boccara, M. Hennitton, C. Mecin) 3:06.85;
Heat two: 1, Australia (P. Lynch, B. Morton, J.
Walker, R. Andersson; 3:07.30; 2. Swedon (P.
Madsen, M. Oscarsson, H. Misson, J. Fager)
3:02.30; S. Nely (A. Con, E. Lupest), Lussignol,
L. Neph) 3:03.21; 4, Norwey (M. Nersen, M.
Neess, T. Selvik, T. Frachder) 3:03.67; 5,
Kazaldratan (R. Gesyellulin, D. Tortopok, A.
Salaryan, S. Skrypnik) 3:08.85; 6, Lizbekistan
(V. Rozzatsen, K. Yashin, A. Tyurs, A. Shilan
3.11.14

Women's 1,000m kayak tours Women's 1,000m keyak fours SBM-FRALS (first two in each heet and fastest locar to fine); Heat one: 1, Canada (M-J. Gibeau, A. Herst, K. Macasidi, C. Kennedy 1:38.71; 2, Bussia (D. Tishchenko, T. Tchchenko, I. Koboukova, N. Guly) 1:38.75; 3, Romanis IS Tons, V. Iordiche, F. Iorita, M. Bens) 1:40.8, 4, Urviniertako, S. Czech Republio 1:42.21; 6, Jepan 1:45.99, Haat teo; 1, Hungay (K. Czogny, E. Donuaz, 9, Modnyansci, E. Mescano) 1:37 1:4, 2, Spain (J. Aramburu, B. Manchon, A. M. Penas, B. Sanchez) 1:37:36; 3, Australia (N. Hunter, L. Lahmenn, Y. Noesker, S. Oetes) 1:37:90; 4, United States 1:40.84, 5, Uzbakistan 1:40.88, 8, Mesteo 1:42.18

Gymnastics

Individual mythmic Inclividual rinythmic
PRELIMBARARIES (pacting 20 to semi-limital):
Qualifiers: 1, E. Serbnyanskaye. (Uio):
19.615;par; 2, T. Ognycho (Balo): 18.500, 3, A.
Zampose (Faul): 18.468; 4, L. Loukieranilos
(Balo): 19.416; 5, M. Bozesto (Gar): 19.146; 8, E.
Berrano (Fr): 18.032; 7, D. Popose (Bul): 19.146;
8, K. Srobe; Ger): 18.485; 9, V. Faster Phiri):
18.582; 10, Ber Wu (Christ): 18.485; 11,
18.383; 13, K. Klausevicuse (Lift): 18.282; 14, C.
Solienteer; Ger): 18.595; 16, A. Sobstowe
(Cc): 18.149; 18, A. Szakiy (Hun): 18.333, 17, K.
Gupola: (Fin): 17.982; 18, C. Mantens (Carr): 17.915; 19, I. Bellyrishim: (Fue): 9.818; 20, E.
Visichimico (Uin): 8.800.

Handball

Women CLASSIFICATION PICKIND: Fifth to eliginth place: Argolia 24 United Status 25. 8534-F5HAL: Destruct 25 Nonesy 19.

Hockey Men's play-offs BLEVENTH PLACE: Malayon, 4 Unded States 1. NINTH PLACE: Argentime 3 South Airch 2. SEVENTH PLACE: Great British 4 India 3.

Tennis Men's singles BEMI-PINAL: S Bruguers (Sp) bt F (Br) 7-8, 6-2 Volleyball

Men CLASSPICATION NOUND: Firm to eigen phase that it Argentina 15-10, 15-3, 13-13, 15-9; Oubs bt Bagarta 15-4, 15-12, 16-17, 15-12.

Pountier (Yeovil) bit B Toona (Elemenne) 2 and 1; K Westbenk (Feitheven) bit N Parkinson (Dores and Totley) at 20th, J O'Shea (Esling) bit J Ambindge (Moor Park) at 19th, J Utile (Moor Park) at 19th (Ment) bit D Jesse; A Lawrence (Wheately) bit P Stuart (London) 2 and 1; S Webster (filled) bit M Wharton (John O'Geunt) 7 and 8; C Banks; (Stanton on the Wolds) bit C Hudson (Amy) 4 and 2 M Alten (Newli) bit D Jessey (Prochester and Cotham) 7 and 8; C Buste (Porrers Park) bit D Jessey (Welton Heats) bit A Leach (Arcot Hell) 5 and 4; B Meson (Sand Moor) bit M Societiem (Cosmon) 2 and 1; M Pike (Moburn) bit C Rosele (Genards Cross) 2 and 1; A Parlerson (Cophome) bit J Herns (Ment) 4 and 3, M Cyer (Coventry) bit S Utils (Moor Park) 3 and 2; R Chetzway (Whitingson Heath) bit M Stactay (Hayling) 4 and 3, C Richardson (Burghley Park) bit M Naylor (Raddiffe on Term) 2 holes, Fourthround: P Snowden (Sand Moor) bit C Stewert (Weiton Heath) 2 and 1, D Luces (Wontsop) bit I Fente (Almouth) 3 and 2; D Maresel (Salcstone) bit D Soless (Huddensel) 4 and 2, Richardson bit G Seane (North Middlesay) 4 and 2, Richardson bit G Welsterholm S and 2; R Fulland (The County Club; Johannsburg) bit M Reynard (Moseley) at Zend; L Donald (Beaconsisted) bit M Keeling (Burstern) at 2 Rose bit Weigne 2 and 1, Pile bit Mason 5 and 4, Cryer bit Patherson 2 holes; Richardson bit Charlerway 3 and 2; Rith round: Luces bit Mensel 5 and 3; Richardson bit Donald 2 and 1; OURBAR: J & B Scottish amasteur championship: Third round: P Arthur (Turnhouse)

Wrestling Freestyle, over 100kg PRELIMINARY ROUNCE E M Roudbloom (man) bi A Singh (GB) ptm.

Hoyer hits gold for Denmark with treble top

POUL-ERIK HOYER, from Denmark, broke the Asian stranglehold to win the badminton men's singles gold medal with the three finest performances of his career (Richard Eaton writes). The All-England champion successively overcame Allan Budi Kusuma, the defending champion, of Indonesia. Heryanto Arbi, the world champion, also of Indonesia, and Dong Jiong, the world No I, of China.

Hoyer's 15-12, 15-10 victory over Dong in the final was a temperamental, tactical and technical masterpiece. He denied Dong chances to employ the fastest attack in the game by tying him up at the net, and scored heavily with cuts and slices that required exquisite control of racket angles.
The other All-England

champion won the women's singles. Bang Soo-Hyun, of South Korea, was too accurate with her clears and drops for Mia Audina, 16, of Indonesia, whom she beat 11-6, 11-7.

China's flag day

Table tennis: China became the first country to win all four Olympic gold medals, when Deng Yaping beat Chen Jing. of Taiwan, 21-14, 21-17, 20-22, 14-21, 21-5, surviving a fiveminute interruption when police removed two brawling spectators.

At the time Deng was two games up and standing at 15-15 in the third game against Jing, who won the gold medal in Seoul under Chinese colours, but defected to

had been waving a Taiwan flag, a potentially provocative act: especially as the Interna-tional Olympic Committee made the flag illegal as part of the agreement street with the agreement struck with China before its return to the

First for Tonga

Boxing: Paca Wolfgram earned the Pacific kingdom of Tonga its first Olympic medal with a remarkable victory over Rubalcaba Alexis, of Cuba, in the super heavy weight division. After a pulsating bout that had the capacity crowd chanting their support for Wolfgram, Alexis. the gold medal favourite, was eliminated on points 17-12 to guarantee Tonga at least a bronze medal.

Ireland's last remaining boxer, Damaen Kelly, lost a points decision 13-6 to Bulat Dzumadilov, of Kazakhstan.

Grapple gripe

Wrestling: Abbas Jadidi, of Iran, claimed the chief judge ordered two colleagues to award the 100 kilogram final to Kurt Angle, of the United States. At the end of the bout, which went into overtime, the score was 1-1. "When the match ended and the judges gathered for a vote, I heard two of them give me victory but then the chief judge ordered them to give it to the American," Jadidi said. He said the Iran delegation had made a protest to the international wrestling federation.



ecstatic celebration after clinching victory and a gold medal in the men's 1,500 metres wheelchair race

Archery Women's individual STALE PAIALS: Ying He (Chine) D.C. E. Attniceyrate (Tur) 107-100; Kyung-stock Klon (S Ko) bi O Sackowychia (Min) 111-109. Wycholyc March 111-109. Wycholyc March 111-109. Sackowychia (Life) bi Albridaysid, 109-102. PRIÁL: Kyung-stock Klm (S Kor) bi Ying He (Chine) 113-107.

Athletics Men's 200 metres

Ment's 200 metres

SECOND BOUND; man three in each heat
and haster load; to semi-finish; Cueffiner;
and haster load; to semi-finish; Cueffiner;
and haster load; to semi-finish; Cueffiner;
2028; Heathers 1, M. Johnson (Es. 2027; Z.
Gillon phor) 20.48; S. Nels Section) 20,52; Z.
Heat three; 1, I Gercia (Cutra) 20,58; Z. Ro
Captan) 20,47; S. Semonombe (Aug. 20,58; Z. Ro
Captan) 20,47; S. Semonombe (Aug. 20,58; Z. Ro
Shevan, Selby 20,45; S. J. Reps. (83) 20,52; Z. P.
Shevan, Selby 20,45; S. J. Reps. (83) 20,52; S.
Shevan, Selby 20,45; S. J. Reps. (83) 20,52; S.
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Shevan, Selby 20,45; S. J. Reps. (83) 20,52; S.
Shevan, Selby 20,45; S. J. Reps. (83) 20,52; S.
Shevan, Selby 20,45; S. J. Reps. (84) 20,52; S.
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Shevan, Selby 20,45; S. J. Reps. (84) 20,53; S.
Shevan, Selby 20,45; S.
Shevan, Selby 20,4

Men's 800 metres FRANC: 1, V Rocks (Nor) trrin 42.5Basc; 2, H Sepsing (SA) [14274, 3, F Grayenche (Nor) 1,62,75; 4, N Teller (Schn) 142.55; 3, N Modificion (Gar) 1,4251; 6, D Rocco (Karl) 1,44,18; 7, J Gray (US) 1,44.21; 8, B Libbon (Mor) 1,45.52.

Meň's 5,000 metres

HEATS (flow eight in each host and sh featest being to sens-finate). Leading qualifiers: Heat one: 1, 8 Sgint (flor) 14min 02 71sec. 2, 8 Acordin (flow) 1475 72; 3, R Besserie (Agil 1402.06. Heat bec: 1, F Bayless (Etg. 1250.81; 2, B Lyhield (flow) 1551.24; 3, T Nyedid (flow) 1351.47; 7, J Nutted (files) 1351.67; 7, J Nutted (files)

Men's 3,000m steeplechase Mgin's 3,000m stabblechtass SEMS-FINALS (first live in each heat and two featest losers to firel) 'Qualifiers' Heat one: 1. M Davis (US) Brin 28 78sc; 2. M Brir (Ren) 27.16; 3. A Lambuschin (in 827.32, 4. H Boustouche (Mon) 827.78; 5. M Streps (Sen) 827.99; 11, K Culten (EB) 846.74 (non-cusifier). Heat two: 1, J Keter (Ken) 8:18.90; 2, M Rotsmu (Ken) 8:18.91; 3, 3 Brand (Ser) 8 19 11; 4, J Senovy (Kon) 8:19.79, 5. B Boulem (Mon) 8:20.45; 6. M Coophan (US) 8:21.91; 7, Carola (in 8:21.86, 9, J Chaston (GB) 8:28.50 (non-qualifier).

Man's 400 metres hurdles SEMI-FINALS (Fret four in sect in test to Brief): Heat orac 1, D Adians (US) 47 78ecc; 2, S Nylender (Swig) 482; 1, S. FANCI (gl. 48,43; 4, E de Araup (Gr) 48,45; 7, J Padgeon (GS), Heat swo: 1, C Davis (US) 47,91; 2, E Teisens (Sr) 48,25; 3, S Matetie (Zem) 48,38, 4, R Robenson (Aus) 48,29.

Men's pole vault QUALIFICATION: Non-qualifiers inclus Winter (GB) and N Buckfield (GB) 5.40 Men's discus

FINAL: 1, L. Riedel (Gar) 69.40m; 2, V Dubrovarchik (Balo) 66 60; 3, V Kapsyuh (Belo) 65.80; 4, A Washington (US) 65.42, b, V Alekte (Jun) 65.30; 6, J Schult (Gar) 64.82. Men's decathlon

LEADERS AFTER PRIST DAY: 1, D O'Srien (U.S. 10.50sec, 7.57m, 15.66m, 2.07m, 48.63sec) 4.59cpts: 2, F Bussmenn (Bussmenn, 10.60, 8.07, 13.60, 2.60, 48.34) 4.469; 3, E Nool (Eut. 10.65, 7.88, 14.01, 2.01, 47.25) 4.457: 4, C Huffins (U.S) 4.465, 4.465, Hernelsmen (Belc) 4.443; A Krugw (GS) withdraw after two events.

Women's 200 metres

WOMON'S 200 IMETICS
SECOND ROUND (first four in each heat to
sent-Innals): Heat one: 1, C Gardry (US)
2257 sec; 2 C Sturmp (Sehigrans) 22 S1; 3, M
Galastord-Taylor (Aust) 22,51; 4, N
Sefformitore (Selo) 23,16, Heat two; 1, M
Obey Lient) 22,61; 2, G Maichagien (Fusi)
22,61; 3, M Praccise (Gar) 22,81; 4, K Koffa
(Sch 23,64; 5, K Many (Sel) 22,17; 1-Heat three;
1, M-J Penzo (F) 22,22; 2, M Ongell (Vigorita)
23,77; 3, I Miller (US) 22,57; 4, C Precent
JAMI) 27,74; 6, S Jacobs (Gal) 22,56; Heat
tour; 1, D Young (US) 22,55; 2, J Quirbert
(Jami) 22,62; 3, I Privations (Fusi) 22,52; 4, A
Biker (Slovenia) 22,59.

Women's 100 metres hurdles Women's 100 metres hurcles
Sein-Final & (institute in each heet to first). Hest own I, M Freeman Lam) 12:71 erg. B. Butgree: (Stovens) 12:85; 3, N Statistical Paul 12:87; 4, L Goode (US) 12:77; 8, A Thorp (GB) 12:80 (British record). Hear Sect I, L Engousist (Swe) 12:81; 2 P Gitard-Lamo (Fr) 12:82; 3, C Devers (US) 12:52; 4; D Rose Julies (Swe) 12:55; 2, B Butgree (Stovens) 12:87; 3, P Gitard-Lamo (Fr) 12:87; 4, Devers 12:87; 5, Rose 12:74; 6, Freeman 12:76; 7, Shelthodishore 12:80, B, Goode 12:11.

Women's 400 metres hurdles PNA1-1, D Hermings (Jern) 52.82sec; 2, K Batter (US) 53.03; 3, T Buford-Balley (US) 53.22; 4, D Partis (Jern) 53.97; 5, H Meissner (Ge) 54.03; 6, R Eden (Carl) 54.95; 7, I Tries (Rom) 54.40; 6, S Rieger (Sirr) 64.57. Women's triple jump

FINAL: 1, I Kravets (Likr) 18.33m; 2, 1 Lecovalence (Plus) 14.98; 3, 3 Kasperiova

(C2) 14.98, 4, 1 Prancistreva (Bul) 14.92; 5, A Historia (GB) 14.49; 6, O Vsedeki (Gr) 14.44. Woman's shot DIMAIPYING funding 12 overall to fines: Outsides include: J Online (GS) 18 M.

Badminton Men's singles EX H Arbi (Indo) 5-15, 15-11, 15-8. Women's singles DE Kim Ji-hyun (S Kor) 11-4, 11-1. Mixed doubles

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Ltr Jenjun and Sun Man (China) bt Chan Xingdong and Peng Xingyong (China) 13-15, 17-15, 15-4. Basketball

Boxing CUARTER-FINALS: A Palaev (Rus) bi D Reyes (Col), M Romato (Cube) bi E Recedo (Pris): B Dzumadilov (Kez) bi D Kelly (te); Z Lunka (Ger) bi M Assous (Alp) all pis

Featherweight DUARTER-PANALE: S Remaing (Thei) bt P Palent (Rus): P Chacon (Arg) bt J Negy (Hun): S Todorov (Bus) bt F Husts (Ger); F Meyweether (US) bt L Aragon (Cube) at pts. Light-welterweight

QUARTER-FINALS: H Vineat (Cubs) bt 8 Zaharov (Rus); B Niyazymbatov (Kaz) bt 8 Norgani (Bara); F Nasasa (Naya) ct M Alla (Alg); O Lineal (Gar) bt N Moulch (Fig all pts. Light-middleweight CQUARTER-FINALS: K Tuleganov (Lob) bt Cadeau (Sey) no: 1st md; D Raid (LS) bt I Marmoud (Tun) pts. E lozaimov (Kaz) bt I Beyer (Ser) pts. A Duvergel (Cube) bt Parugmo (4) pts

Light-heavyweight QUARTER-FRAULS: A Tarver (US) by E Flores (P Roo) not 3 or mot. V Jisov (Kaz) by T Flores (Can), T Ulneth (Ger) by D Bispo (Bh) pits; Lee Seung-bas (S Kor) by S Divis (Cro) pits.

Super-heavyweight QUARTER-FANALS: V Kichko (Ukr) bt A Levin Swe) ret 1st md; A Lezin (Rus) bt R Monae (Ger) pts; P Wolfgram (Tonga) bt A Rubelosba (Cube) pts; D Dokwar (Nigaria) bt A Marmedov (Azar) mc 3ng md.

Canoeing (sprint) Men'a 500m Canadian pairs REPECHAGES (first four in each heat and testest losers to senti-finels). Heat one: 1, Carsola 149,92 2, Great British (A Tash and S Train) 1:50,47; 3, Cash Republic 1:50,48; 4, South Korea 1:50,77; 5, Uzbekstan 1:52,78. Heat test 1, Belorusala 1,47,83; 2, Straiks 1,47,96; 3, Poland 1:48,05; 4, Crostia 1:50,47; 5, Kazakrastan 1,51,53 Men's 500m kayak singles

PREPECHAGES (Institut in each heat and basisst lose to semi-finals): Heat one: 1, R Erban (Slovelies) 143 18; 2, M Herbert (US) 1;43.38; 3, J Corner (Arg) 144.07; 4, S Custan (Br) 1:44.20; 5, H Heide (Est) 1:44.34; 6, 1 Lewier (Br) 1:45.25, R Crichlow (Car) 1:45.05; 3, Z Artial (Hun) 1:43.34; 4, S Vertin (Ras) 1:40.35; 5, Y Crichlow (Car) 1:43.05; 3, Z Artial (Hun) 1:43.34; 4, S Vertin (Ras) 1:47.35; 5, Y Creative (Uic) 1:44.14; 6, Y Vegorov (Kaz) 1:47.03; 7, T Krartiz (Bwe) 1:47.37.

Men's 500m kayak pairs MBH1'8 COURT Varyan Paura REPECHAGES (first four in each heat and testes; losers to sent-fireis); Heat oner 1, Bulgeria 137,92; 2, Seyotan 1,39,17; 3, Lithouria 140,90; 4, Uzbekstan 1,44,22; 5, Merdeo 1,42,94; 8, Kyrgyzstan 1,44,32; 1, Heat fatc; 1, Dermani, 1,39,41; 2, Cosch Republic 137,11; 3, Poragai, 1,37,42; 4, Appentin 1,39,95; 8, Bergum 1,39,51; 6, Kassethatan 1,40,21; 7, Crane 1,47,03. Women's 500m kayak singles

PEPECHAGES (Intrinsic in each best and taskes long to perit-fineld; Hest one: 1, 1 Hardsmov (Swidt 1:57.85; 2, A Pasturdia (Pol) 158.35; 3, D Ven de Verne (Bal) 159.05; 4, Bether Gao (China) 1:59.05; 6, T Philips (LS) 200.37; 8, E Duson (Maio) 200.36; Hest lacc; 1, 5 Maruyarra (Lepain) 2:04.82; 2, A Delaway (GB) 2:04.35; 3, A Moreus (Pr) 2:06.47; 4, L Carrel field 2:05.73 205.47; 4. L Carry for 2:05.73. Women's 500m kayak pairs

REPECHAGES (first four in each heat and fastest losers to earn-finals). Heat one: 1

Football Men's verni-final Nigens 4 Brazi 3 (Nigeria won on "golden goel" rule).

Cycling Men's individual road race I, P. Richard (Switz) Air Samin Select, 2, R Soransen (Den) seme time: 3, M Sciandri (GB) at 2sec. 4, P Andrea (LB), at I Irini 146ec. 5, R Viranque (Fr) seme time: 6, M Maur. (SQ) at 1-16: 72, D McCenn (Ire) at 253; 79, M Billot (GB) same time; 99, J Tanner (GB) at 257.

Diving Women's springboard PRIVAL: 1, Mingda Fu, Chine) 547,68pts: 2, 1 Lephic (Rus), 512 19; 3, A Pelatiar (Carl) 508,64; 4, M Moses (US) 507.99; 5, O Zhugyna (Lito) 507.27; 8, YMotobuch (Japan) 506,04; 7, Vigna (Rus) 498.56; 8, A Lindbarg (Swit) 489,61

Equestrianism Individuel dressage IEADING POSITONS AFIER GRAND PRIX SPECIAL: Leading qualifiers to freetije to mustic: 1, A Van Grunerer (No), Bodies, 183, 44%, 2, I Weth (Ge), Gigoto, 152,08; 3, M Gibson (US), Peron, 144,45; 4, S Rotinschaper (No), Weyden, 146,10; 5, M Theodorescu (Ge), Grusox, 147,71; 5, K Ballerhol (Ger), Gotdetern, 145,53, Non-qualifier; 21, R Devison (GB), Askan, 131,70.

Handball Men's preliminary round

POOL A: Russia 20 Switzenfand 22; Switzen 27 Crossia 18. Umand Sames 29 Numea 24. POOL B: Spein 20 Egypt 19; France 23 Germany 24: Algerte 20 Brazal 20 Hockey

SEMI-FINALS; Spain 2 Australia 1; Holland 3 Table tennis

Men's singles SEMI-FINALS: Liu Guolieno (Chine) bt. J Rosetopf (Ger) 21-17, 18-21, 21-18, 21-18; Wang Tao (Chine) bt P Korbel (Cz) 28-31, 21-7, 21-18 Women's singles

BRIONZE MEDAL MATCH: One Hong (China) by Lui Wei (China) 21-17, 15-21, 21-19, 21-11. FINAL: Deng Yaping (China) by Chen Jing (Talwan) 21-14, 21-17, 20-22, 17-21, 21-5.

Tennis Men's doubles

BEMI-FINALS: N Broad and T Herman (QB) bt M Götner and D Princell (Ger) 4-8, 8-8, 10-6; T Whoolbridge and M Woodbride (Aus) bt J Ellingh and P Hearnuis (Hol) 6-2, 8-7, 18-16. Women's singles SEMI-PINALS: A Sénchez Vicerio (Sp) bi J Novotre (Cz) 6-4, 1-5, 6-3, 1, Davenport (US) bi M J Fernandez (US) 6-2, 7-5,

Women's doubles SENR-FINALS: G Femendisz and M J Femendez (US) bi M Bollegrel and B Schulz-Mccerify (HoS) 7-8, 7-8; J Novotres and H Sulvoya (Cz) bi C Martinsz and A Stinohez Voerfo (Sp) 8-2, 7-6.

Volleyball

OLIARTER-PINALS: Yugosinve bi Bestil 15-5, 15-5, 8-15, 14-16, 15-10; Holland bi Bulgaria 16-14, 3-15, 15-3, 15-13; Isaly bi Argoriton 19-15, 15-6, 15-7, 15-4; Pauses bi Cubs 15-13, 17-15, 15-11.

Freestyle, final bouts

Freestyfe, Timal Doutes
UNDER 4863: For gold: Kim I (N kor) br A
Merchyen (Arm) ps. Far bromse: A Perdosse
(Cata) bi V Olusthrov (Fas) ps.
UNDER 5702: For gold: K Oross (US) br G
Sissauori (Card). For bromse: RI Yong Sam
(N Kor) oz H Dougni (Tur) ps.
UNDER 6803: For gold: V Boglyev (Rus) bit T
Saunders (US) pis. For bromse: Z Zicistov
(UN) bit Y Lamude (Lobe) pis.
UNDER 8803: For gold: K Magomedov
(Rus) bit Yang Haymin (S Kor) pis. For
bromse: A Acquae (Insi) bit S Cesulis (Ins) bit A
Lindber (Los) pis. For bromse: A Sissaion (Los) bit A
Lindber (Los) pis. For bromse: A Sissaion (Ger)
bit S Kowdowskiy (Selo) pis.

Yachting

FRIAL POSITIONS: 1, F Scheict (Sr) 250m; 2. B Alrade (SS) S7; 3, P Moberg (Nor) 46; 4, M Smathum (Vun) 46; 5, 6 Western (Ger) 54; 6, J Harryanon (Owe) 55.

Soling CHARTER-FINAL MATCH RACING: Check Britain (A Beadsworth, B Perkin, A Sleed) by Denseyrn, 3-2 Russia bt Clanada 5-0. Women's Europe

FINAL POSTTONES: 1, K Roug (Den) 24pts; 2 M Mathiase (Ho) 30; 3, C Becker-Dey (LB 38; 4, S Robertson (GB) 41; 5, S Ferfs (NZ, 73; 6, 6 Powersynski (Ger) 75; 10, A Bowner (set) 52.

BASEBÁLL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Ceidand 5 Chicego 4, Detroit 10 Ceilfornia 5, Texas 9 New York 2: Batirnore 9 Minnesota 3, Seettle 9 Milweukee 3; Claveland 4 Toronto 2. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 10 Hous-ton 0; Montreal 5 Colorado 2; Chicago 4 San Francisco 1; New York 3 Patisburgh 2 (10 innings); Los Angeles 3 Florida 0; Atlanta 7 San Diago 4. Postponed: Sr Louis y Philadelphia.

BOWLS

AVR. NOHTH-FIELD: LCL. Pils national singles championahip: First round: S Glen Ormston) 21 B Burney (Sanquhar) 16; A Gerdiner (Beilleston) 21 W Stewart (Carwore) 8: I Tood (Grangemouth) 21 K Mine (Sauchie) 13; I Chaimers (Burnade) 21 G Baiclie (Hawthom) 20; A Brol (Whithom) 12; S McKally (Earloude) 23 J Than (Dufflown) 13; P McKally (Earlston) 21 F Boyrston (Freser Park) 10; H Marr (Springhil) 21 D Hill (Delsen) 17; J Afflen (Khaision) 21 S Dailymple (Authrey Spai) (Created) 21; J P McLaughille (Knedickiel) 21; J P McLaughille (Knedickiel) 21; J P McLaughille (Knedickiel) 21; J McLaughille (Calender) 15; J Byron (Pelacel) 15; J Byron (Delsen) 15; J Byron (Vestamains) 21 G McKertze (Shettleston) 14; R Coosle (Cralgertinny) 21; F Kimmins (Port Glasgow) 19; A Campbell (Ellon) 21; J Mchaush (Meerns) 13; W Killens (Celladonia) 21 J Fernton (Lundin Links) 13.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP filinal day of threely: Clavactors: Somerost 233 (S. Trago 72) and 222-9 (A.W. Smith 4-46; R.W. Noel 4-57). Surrey 304-5 (A.W. Smith 114 not out; G. J. Kennis 85; J. W. Smith 114 not out; G. J. Kennis 86; J. W. Smith 114 not out; G. J. Kennis 86; J. W. Smith 114 not out; G. J. Kennis 86; J. W. Smith 114 not out; G. J. Kennis 86; J. W. Smith 114 not out; G. J. Kennis 86; J. W. Smith 114 not out; G. J. Kennis 86; G. Smith 222-9 (M. News) 159 and 222-9 (M. News) 159 and 222-9 (M. News) 159 and 222-9 (M. J. Kennis 257 (A.W. Evans 85; D. A. Scott 5-23) and 169 (D. A. Scott 4-27, T. N. When 4-44); Kenti 250-8 dec (M. J. Welker 95) and 104-7 (D. T. Pariera 4-34); Meich chawn. Cotchester: Northenis 333 (M. B. Loye 116, T. C. Walton 79; A. Cole 4-488) and 215-5 dec (M. B. Loye 85; J.H. Childs 4-94); Esset 245 (S. P. Peters 71; M. Devise 4-55) and 193-4 (S. D. Peters 94) match drawn. Marske by the Sea: Yorkshire 251-8 dec and 287 (D. Mascarethus 54, J. D. Middleborotugh 54, B. Pericer 51); Hamposhire by eight nuns. Kibworth: Durhern 278 and 149-3 dec; J. E. Grahem 56 not out; Leicestershire 171-7 dec and 253-8 (G. J. Macmillan 76 not out); Lancesthire 225, G. J. Macmillan 76 not out). Lancesthire 225-6 dec (N.T. Wood 73) and 189 (L. J. Martand 71, N. B. Francis 5-28) Middlesex won by 81 notes. (C. N.T. Wood 73) and 189 (L. J. Martand 71, N. B. Francis 5-29) Middlesex won by 81 notes. (N. P. Welch 5-26) Warwickshire beat Worcestershire by 157 rurs.
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and 130 (P J Bradshaw 4-28). Norfolk (24) bi Northumberland (t) by 10 wickels. SEMIOR AREA WOMEN'S CHAMPION-SHIPS: First division: Wast Midlands (221-3) bt Surrey (217-8, B Deniels 106 not out). Second division: Yorkshire II (202-9) bt Lancashire and Cheshire (161). Standarque: First division: Yorkshire 104, West Midlands 83, Surrey 72, East Anglia 55, West 37, East Midlands 29, 5. Second division: Kent 97, Thannes Valley 86,5. Vortshire 1 55,5, Middlessx 54 5, Sussent 41, Lanchahre and Cheshire 40.5.

FOOTBALL

PRIE-SEASON MATCHES: tritemezionele 3 Manchester United 0; Cetio 2 Arsenal 1, Harriepool 0 Bradford 1, Hereford 2 Bristol City 3; L Orient 1 Cherton 2 Wolverhempton 0 Chelses 1; Stevenage 2 Cusens Park Rangers X1 3; Rushden and Diamonds 0 Detby 5, Wradream 1 Bottom 1, Worldington 0 Carlisle 1; Stramere 1 Milmetal 4, Slough 2; Brighton 1 Postsmouth 1, Brentford 0 Totterhem 3; Gloucester City 3 Totterhem X1 1, Tetbord 1 Northempton 0. Carshalton 2 Crystal Palace X1 1; Prozzleim 0 Leeds 1, Lincoln 0 Aston Villa 1, Trammère 1 Everton 2; Duntermine 2 Southampton 2; Torquay 3 West Hem 2. Bashlay 0 Bournemouth 2; Mansfield 1 Norwich 2; Bath 2 Chester 5 TOUR MATCH: Singapore Ali Stars 0 TOUR MATCH: Singepore Ali Sters 0 Newcastle United 5 (at National Stadium. Singapore).

GOLF KUNIGSBACKA: Volvo Scandinsavian Magters: Leading first-round scores (GB and
tre unless stated): 67: S Luna (Sp), T Bjorn
(Der), 58: P Way, M Marun (Sp), J Bjorn
(Der), 58: P Way, M Marun (Sp), J Bjorn, P
Backerton, R Caydon, 58: C Montgornarie, P
Harmgton, I Woosnam, M Gates, L
Westwood 70: G Henstadt (Swe), J Payne, C
Post (Dan), M Moutand, M Litton, P Eates,
Lan-Wei Zhang (China), P-U Johansson
(Swe), F Howley, F Roca (Sp), G Emerson,
P Nyman (Swe), S Grapossoni (ff), S
Thrving (Den), P Baker, M Heitberg (Swe), J
71: M Archer, S Cage, N Fastin (Swe), J
74-wero (Sp), J Phore (Sp), J Lorres, S
Struver (Gar), P Chikalley (Aus), E
Marchbark, A Hurter, O Karlsson (Swe), R
Chaptreen.

3 and 2; Pounder bt Donald 2 and 1 DUINBAR: J. & B Scottish amateur championship: Third round: P Arthur (Turthouse) bt. R. Ballantyne (Selicik) 1 hole; L. McLaughilin (Cowglan) bt. S. Young (inversionly) 2 and 1; A Cooper (Teymouth Castie) bt. S. Mackenze (West Linton) 1 hole; C. Kally (St. Andrews New) bt. R. Craigl (Merchants of Edinburgh) at 20th, B. Smith (Hamilton) bt. H. Welfer (Guilane) 3 and 2, B. Howard (Cochrane Castie) bt. G. Davidson (Langholm) at 19th. D. Robertson (Dunbar) bt. F. Bell (Portpainck Dunstey) 6 and 4, A. Nichol (Berwick) bt. J. Hughes (Cardross) 3 and 2; M. Brooles (Cardross) 3 and 2; M. Brooles (Cardross) 3 and 2; M. Brooles (Cardross) 3. MacAulay (Lochgliphead) 4 and 3; A. - FIDAYS EXCERS

Britannic Assurance county championship 11.0, second day of four, 104 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Worcestershire
LEICESTER: Lelicestershire v Northamptonshire
LORD'S: Miodissex v Essex
WORKSOP: Notinghamshire v
Glamorgan
TAUNTON: Somerset v Hampshire
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Yorkshire

Tour metch 11.0, second day of four THE OVAL: Surrey v South Africa A FIRST UNDER-19 TEST MATCH (second day of four): Old Traiford: England v New Zeeland MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (inat day of two): Lakenham: Norfok v Cerabidgeshire Carronogesius

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Lydney:
Goucestershire v Wordestershire. Edgbastor: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

FOOTBALL PRE-SEASON MATCHES (7.30 unless stated): Brentford v Queens Park Rangers (7 45); Charlton v Coventry (7 45). Ornegh v Denington (7.0); Scurthorpe v Bradford: Stigo v Sundertend: St Petrick's Ath v Tranmers (7.45). UCD v Huddessfield: Heffax v Bury; Southend v Peterborough (7.45): Chesterfield v Barnsley, Barnet v Lution (7.45): Kidolemintser v Giffegham; Shrewsbury v Port Vale

RUGBY, LEAGUE Stones Super League Castleford Tigers v St Helens . Barrow v Huli KR OTHER SPORT

GOLP: English Amaleur Championship (al Hollinwell), J and B Scottish Ameleur Championship (Dunber) MOTOR RALLYING: Mobil/Top Gear RAC British Championship, Ulster Interrally (Belfast). rally (Beltsst).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Belle Vue v
Cradley Heath and Stoke (7.30) Challenger: Swindon v Oxford (7.30) Conlerence League: Knock-out Cup: Samithat, second leg: Arena Essav v Maderihall
(8.0).

Forsyth (Rulation) bit M Brown (Montifieth) 2 holes: R Belm (UAE) bit R Jarkinss (Crow Wood) at 19th; D Brown (Carluke) bit N Shillinglaw (Glencorse) 2 holes: 8 Twynholm (Westerhope) bit R Dickson (Kricaidy) 1 hole: C Gordon (Ratho Park) bit B Scott (Lochmaben) 5 and 4: G Fox (West Klbinde) bit S Knowless (Kingsknowe) 3 and 2; R Beames (Mick) bit P Lamb (Glencorse) 8 and 4. D Hamilton (Aus) bit G Paterson (Prestwick; St Nicholas) 2 and 1; M Urrquhart (Inverness) bit C Michael (Bialgowde) 2 and 1; C Ellox (Ratho Park) bit G Bolton (Pathoses) 8 and 6; C Western (East Inverness) bit C Michael (Bialgowde) 2 and 1; C Ellox (Ratho Park) bit G Bolton (Ratho Park) 3 and 2; C Strong (Ratho Park) 3 and 2; C Western (East Rentrevishre) bit F Cumminghem (Downfield) at 19th, 1 Ford (Kelso) bit M Stein (Ratho Park) 3 and 2; S C T East (Ratho Park) 2 and 1; A Turmbull (Innerlathen) bit F Hutchtson (Durfermine) 2 and 1; A Turmbull (Innerlathen) bit F Hutchtson (Durfermine) 2 and 1; A Turmbull (Innerlathen) bit F Hutchtson (Durfermine) 2 and 1; A Turmbull (Innerlathen) bit F Hutchtson (Durfermine) 2 and 1; A Turmbull (Innerlathen) bit G Rodon (Mortonhall) bit G Condon (Ratho Park) 3 and 2; S Lowie (Prestwick S Nicholas) bit O Patin (Durfermine) 2 and 1; A Turmbull (Innerlathen) bit F Hutchtson (Durfermine) 2 and 1; A Turmbull (Innerlathen) bit F Hutchtson (Durfermine) 2 and 1; A Turmbull (Innerlathen) bit F Hutchtson (Durfermine) 2 and 1; A Turmbull (Innerlathen) bit F Hutchtson (Durfermine) 2 and 1; A Turmbull (Innerlathen) bit G Rodon (Mallermine) 3 and 2; G Lawrie (Prestwick S Nicholas) bit O Patin (Durfermine) 4 and 3; R Thornton (Cardross) bit S Armstrong (Ratho Park) 2 and 1; J Smith (Sustricyte) Park, bit W Bryson (Durmpeller) 5 and 4.

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BS GROUP BLUE RIBAND (at Poole): 1, L
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Scholleid (Poole): 4, C Boyce (Poole).

TENNIS LOS ANGELES: Men's tournement (US unless stered): Second round: M Chang bit M Darrin (C2) 8-0, 3-6, 7-5; R Krajicck (Holl) bit G Recur. (Fr) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; L Bjorforen (Sine) bit P Ratter (Aus) 8-3, 3-6, 5-3, S Pescosolido (N) bit A DuPuls (Fr) 6-3, 6-2.
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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT In all our discussion of take-out doubles so far we have assumed that the double was made directly over the opening bid. When the double is made in the protective position, eg $1\,H\,-\,Pass\,-\,Pass\,-\,Double$, the situation is a little different. Suppose that you

46 VAQJ106 +A54 4AJ97 and your right-hand opponent opens One Heart. You have very little alternative but to pass and hope that you will be allowed to show your hand later. The corollary of this is that if the One Heart opening bid is passed round to partner and he holds little in the way of high cards and is also short in hearts, say:

₽K752 ♥5 +K962 +K852 he can be pretty sure that you have a hand such as the above. What is he to do about it? He has two choices: he can either pass or he can double. If he passes there is a risk of missing a substantial penalty, or even a game (you would expect to make Three No-trumps with these combined hands); if he doubles and you do not have quite such a good hand as this he risks you leaping to Three No-trumps or trying for a penalty because you

think he has rather more than he has. All very tricky. The best (though not foolproof) way to cope with this sort of problem is to use the principle of "transferring a king". What this means is that the hand in the protective position mentally adds a king to his hand and bids as he would in second seat correspondingly, the responder to the protective double mentally deducts a king from his hand and then bids as he would in response to a second-position take-out double. This means that the values needed for a protective take-out double start at about nine points, as here, with perfect distribution. It also means that the values needed for a jump response start at about 11 or 12

The subsequent auction is affected as well. To bid a new suit after partner's simple response shows only about 14 or so HCP, with a cue-bid reserved for a really strong hand (say 19 plus). Also, the values needed for a One No-trump overcall in the protective position are less than in second seat, say 11-15. It follows, then, that to double and then rebid in no-trumps at minimum level shows in the region of 16-18 points. A Two Notrump overcall, which would be for the minors in second position, is natural in fourth seat, showing about 19-21. With more, double and then jump in no-trumps. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

ABALONE a. A hermit b. Nonsense, baloney c. A mollusc CACUMINAL

b. A Russian Orthodox

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c. A horny helmet

a. Tip of tongue

a. A German entrenching spade b. A devil c. A wooden boot BOSKOP a. A secret policeman b. A primitive man c. Racial superiority

Answers on page 38

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS COMRESPONDENT

Karpov's miniature In the international tournament in Biel, Anatoly Karpov won an astounding miniature game as Black against Lajos Portisch, the Hungarian grandmaster. It is highly unusual to win a game as Black in as little as 20 moves. Here is Karpov's quick kill. White: Lajos Portisch Black: Anatoly Karpov

Biel, July 1996 Decen's Indian Defence NIB 3 Nf3 4 83 Bb7 6 CXC5 Qc2 Noca3 Nd7 12 Be2 13 dxc5 14 Qxg7 15 Qxh7 Fig8 Fixg2 Nf6 Qc7 16 Qh4+ 17 Rd1

White resigns Diagram of final position **建工業 建工** 6 全 第1章

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abcdefgh Chess for charity

Tomorrow, Saturday August 3, during the World Memory Championship at Simpson's inthe Strand; London, I shall be giving a simultaneous display against up to 30 opponents to raise funds for the Sick Children's Trust Charity. This is your last chance to sign up. Those wishing to compete should ring Lady Mary Tovey to reserve their place on a first come first served basis on 0171-373 4457. ☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

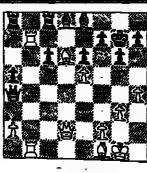
Novgorod international The top international tournament at Novgorod has now finished. The final results were as follows.

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By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Gurevich — Kusowski, USSR 1978. How did White conclude the game with a marvellous sacrificial sequence?

Solution, page 38





TODAY AT THE GAMES

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ARCHERY: Men's and women's teams, third round and quarter-finals (14.00), semi-finals and finals (17.15).

ATHLETICS: Men: 50km walk (12.30); 4 x 100m relay, heats (14.15); javelin, qualifying (14.30 and 16.00); 4 x 400m relay, heats (15.30); pole vault, final (22.00); 4 x 100m relay, semi-finals (00.30); 4 x 400m relay, semi-finals (01.00); 3,000m steeplechase, final (02.05). Women: 4 x 100m relay, heats (15.00); shot, final (23.55);

4 x 100m relay, semi-finals (00.00); long jump, final (00.15); 4 x 400m relay, heats (01.30); 10,000m, final (02.30).

BASEBALL: Bronze medal match (19.00) and final (00.00).

BASKETBALL: Men: Play-offs (15.00, 17.00, 20.00 and 00.00). Women: Semi-finals (01.00 and 03.00).

BOXING: Semi-finals: Flyweight, teatherweight, light-welterweight, light-middleweight, light-heavyweight, super-heavyweight (from 01.00). CANOEING: Sprint semi-finals (all 500m):

Men's K1 (14.00); men's C1 (14.30); women's

K1 (14.50); men's K2 (15.10); men's C2 (15.30); women's K2 (15.50).

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DIVING: Men's platform, semi-finals (16.30) and final (01.00).

FOOTBALL: Third-place play-off (01.00).

GYMNASTICS: Women's individual rhythmic, preliminaries (15.00), group rhythmic finals (20.00).

HANDBALL: Men's play-offs (15.00, 17.00, 00.00 and 02.00) and semi-finals (19.30 and 21.30).

HOCKEY: Men's play-off for fifth place (13.30), bronze medal match (22.00) and final (00.30). SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING: Women's team, free routine (22.00).

TENNIS: Women's singles, bronze medal match and final; men's doubles, final (all 16.00). VOLLEYBALL: Men's play-offs (17.00) and semi-finals (00.30).

WRESTLING: Freestyle: Under 52kg, under 62kg, under 74kg, under 90kg and under 130kg classification matches (14.30); finals (20.30). YACHTING: Soling medal matches (17.00).

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Ainslie's ill-fated strategy backed by team-mates

FROM DAVID MILLER IN SAVANNAH

BRITAIN'S sailing team are united behind Ben Ainslie, the silver medal-winner in Laser class, who lost his chance of an Olympic title at 19 through disqualification in his final race. They are unanimous that he had to do it: to get to the start-line neck-and-neck with Robert Scheidt, the Brazilian champion, rather than concede advantage. Both were disqualified, giving Scheidt

Great sailors come from little boats. Ainslie is the most exciting prospect in British sailing since Chris Law. Unlimited horizons lie ahead, yet he must not let this success warp his judgment - nor will he. For the present he has decided to stay with Lasers, despite the attraction of larger keel-boat racing.

"He had no alternative," lan Rhodes, whose chances with David Williams, in the Tornado class, sank because of their own errors, said of Ainslie's tactics at a celebration party given by Craig Reedie, the chairman of the British Olympic Association. "When Scheidt turned for the line, in the manoeuvring during the last minute before the gun. Ben had to stay with him. If not, had the start been clean,

away."
Claudio Biekarck, Scheidt's coach, thought that Ainslie might have been better to have manoeuvre, being the wind-

Ben risked letting him get



start strategy, and go flat out for his own race. Ainslie, who had been the more aggressive of the two, and technically had won" the first two starts that were recalled, disagrees. "If I'd done that, he would have shadowed me," he said.

Ainslie admitted he had much to learn. Asked for detail, he replied "That!", referring to the climax to this regatta - an experience he will remember for the rest of his career. It could prove hugely beneficial. In one moment, he became wiser and older by years. "Ben did well under such pressure throughout the regatta," Scheidt, world champion for the past two years, said appreciatively. Ainslie said that Scheidt's

ward (up-wind) boat on the

used for prolonged fleet rac-ing. In Wednesday's race, Ainslie was being pushed by a three knot spring tide towards the line, against the wind in a. choppy sea. The Soling team works under a considerable handicap. Nowhere in Britain is there a free launching facility. an operation that costs £50 each way, and must be used

> when practising, to keep the Rod Carr, the executive manager, would like to establish seven or eight sailing centres around the country where such facilities would be available to members of the team. "We don't need exclusive use," he said, "but we need areas, relatively tide-free; that are within reach of any potential Olympic comp-

every two or three days, even

final tack, would have become

illegal had they crossed the line after, instead of before, the

gun, such are the split-second

helming decisions at close

quarters. Ainslie could not

ease or bear away to slow down, being the leeward (down-wind) boat because of

another on his leeward side as

they headed in a mass of boats

for the line as if on a crowded

running," Ainslie said. "At the

next Olympics, hopefully,

maybe I'll be more mature, I

won't get so heated."
In the long term, he would

like to move to the big boats, to

have the chance to compete in

the Admiral's Cup, the Ameri-

ca's Cup, the Whitbread Round the World Race. 1

don't have to rush," he said,

"and anyway, there are so many good sailors already out

The overall performance of

the sailing team has been a

lesson to most other British

sports. An accurate analysis of

the 1992 regatta by Mike McIntyre, head of Olympic

preparation, has enabled the

team to raise its performances

in one of the most complex

sports, where meteorology and oceanography can play a

key part. For instance, two specialists spent two weeks,

working ten-hour days in in-

flatable boats, studying the

tidal movements at the Savan-

nah course, seldom previously

"I loved it, all the adrenalin

Many of the team are still part time. Sue Carr, for instance, racing a 470, lost £130 for every day's leave of absence as a teacher employed by Derbyshire County Council. Barry Parkin, a member of the Soling crew and a commercial manager when not sailing, said: "You cannot do both nowadays satisfactorily. We've managed to sail for 20



Kanu scores Nigeria's late equaliser to take their Olympic football semi-final with Brazil into extra time

Kanu's golden goal signals breakthrough for Nigeria

lympic football is a game separated from the Games. The tournament has been kept at arm's length from Atlanta and if the latter stages are appropriately staged in the town of Athens. about 50 miles north east of Atlanta, that is about as close as football gets to touching Olympic consciousness. No one remembers who won

Even within the tournament there is a tournament of between those who care and those who do not. The Italians returned home, bearen by, among others, Ghana, and accused of not trying by the rest of their Olympic team However, nobody in the 78,000-strong crowd fortunate enough to witness the 4-3 victory that put Nigeria through to the final against Argentina and ended Brazil's passionate search for their first gold medal could have doubted the emotional intensity of the occasion for one

When Nwanko Kanu, the gangling young Nigeria cap-tain, equalised 30 seconds from time, then slammed home the golden-goal winner 31/2 minutes into extra time. green and white shirts were hurled into the band of swaying, singing, Nigerian sup-porters, the rhythm of the drums quickened to a celebratory beat and the players danced unashamedly to its tempo, naked to the waist. The minister came to congratulate us," Kanu said later. With a political timing worthy

years. On the whole, the

have needed three years be-

al Olympic Committee rules.

This is her third successive

Olympics, each time in differ-

ent national colours. In 1988 it

was the Soviet Union, in 1992

the Unified Team (the dis-

membered former Soviet Union, minus the Baltic

ANDREW LONGMORE



celebrates an African triumph

of Bill Clinton, the whole Nigerian government ap-peared on the pitch to claim the credit.

In the opposite corner of the Sanford stadium, a line of the world's finest young players trooped dejectedly away: Ronaldo - known by his nickname, Ronaldinho, for this tournament — Juninho. Ze Elias and Flavio, whose two goals had helped to give Brazil a 3-1 lead at half-time. "Bronze is nothing," Juninho, the Mid-dlesbrough midfield player, said. "Only the gold matters."

Like Japan's seismic defeat of Brazil in the group matches, the joy of the victors reflected the emergence of a footballing nation as much as thoughts of Olympic gold. Tactical inno-cence and lack of heart - those

the best of the African nations from reaching the Europeans and the South Americans. Yet it was precisely those qualities that, in contrast to the lastminute defeat by Italy on Nigeria's last venture on American soil — two years ago in the World Cup - that marked the difference between the two sides on Wednesday

already missed, into riotous victory 17 minutes later. Nigeria had learnt from the 1-0 defeat by Brazil in the group match. Brazil, even with the sallo, had not. 🚁

The Brazilians did too

night, turning a 3-1 deficit with 13 minutes left, and a penalty

much defending." Jo Bonfrere, Nigeria's Dutch coach, said, "but we changed it in the second half, pushing defenders out to play as attacking midfielders. It was all or nothing in the last ten minutes." Not for the first time in their history, Brazil sat back on their lead, content to wait for the chance to counterattack. Three times in the second half, Ronaldinho, a 19-

his cross missed its target. Zagallo, thinking the game was won, took off Juninho and brought on the more prosaic Rivaldo. The initiative was lost and the weakness of the Brazil defence exposed, despite the presence of the World Cup defenders, Aldair and Roberto

Carlos, two of the three over-

smoking marijuana.

year-old recently transferred

from PSV Eindhoven to Barce-

lona for £13 million, burst

down the right. Three times.

age players. Victor Ikpeba, of AS Monaco, made it 3-2, before Kanu shed his anonymity to slide home the equaliser 32 seconds from time.

In the interview room, Zagallo, 65, grey hair thinning, bespectacied eyes look-ing straight ahead like a man searching for the end of the road, praised the strength of his opponents and bemoaned the shortage of good defenders in his own country. The problem is in the schools," he said. "Every Brazilian boy wants to be a forward. None want to play in defensive Defenders, as positions." small boys instinctively know, do not command £13 transfer fees.

nirere could afford a measure of satisfaction:
"We knew from the first game (when Japan beat Brazil) that there is not any more a big gap between teams like Brazil and teams from Asia and Africa. It is now just a matter of tactical planning and the way players carry out those plans on the pitch."

Off the pitch, the Nigerians have been beset with prob-lems, from critics in the press to substandard accommodation. The team are housed in the Econolodge hotel in Athens, not quite fitting for Olympic finalists. I told my players to forget all the problems for 90 minutes, then we will think about a new set of problems." Bonfrere said. An impressive Argentina side will pose plenty tomorrow, even to the con-**Fourth Russian**

fails drugs test FROM CRAIG LORD AND JOHN GOODBODY

IN A fresh spate of drug revelations yesterday, a fourth Russian was disqualified after that Marie MacMahon, who finished fourteenth in the 5,000 metres, had tested positesting positive for Bromantive for Phenilpropenoparnine tan, Ireland was reprimanded for failing to "take care" of its athletes after one of the country's runners was found to have taken a banned painkiller, and three swimmers were

said to have been caught with marijuana. Marina Trandenkova, 29,

"no information at this time" about suggestions that three swimmers had been caught

Robitussine, a painkiller said to be found in cough medicine. She escaped a ban, however. Verdier said that she had

British riders fail to weather storm

FROM JENNY MACARITHUR

IN A team showjumping competition almost as dra-matic as the Atlanta thunderstorm that saturated the arena and caused a lengthy delay. Germany, the favourites for the gold medal, forged into the lead, with Ireland, France, Brazil, Spain and the United States all looking possible medal contenders as the event approached the halfway

stage.

For the British riders, drawn last, the opening of the heavens matched their own despairing mood after a dismal opening round had left them struggling to finish in the top half. With John Whitaker, the fourth team rider, still waiting to go in the first round when the storm broke, Nick Skelton's eight faults on Showtime was the best of the three British

Nineteen teams contested the event, for which Linda Allen, the innovative course designer, had devised an intimidating 13-fence course. "Big, technical and gutsy," was the verdict of Ronnie

It rode every bit as tough as it looked. Only a handful of riders had clear rounds, among them the European champion, Peter Charles, of Ireland, on the inexperienced Beneton.

Germany had a dramatic start when Franke Sloothaak the world champion, fell and cut his wrist at fence nine, the Southfork Ranch gate (inspired by the television series, Dallas, but swiftly compensated for his loss with clear rounds from their next two

Olympic results Atlanta guide .. Simon Barnes

riders. Skelton, the first British rider, who had been concerned about Showtime's ability to handle the water jump, faulted there and also at 12a, the first part of the

"I felt I was a bit unlucky," Skelton said. "She was jumping well and didn't deserve those two fences." There was worse in store. Michael Whitaker's Two Step, who has been off form from the start of the event, collected 16 faults. Malcolm Pyrah, the team trainer, said there was nothing wrong with the horse — "he's just fazed".

A disconsolate Whitaker,

unable to reconcile the performances here with Two Step's successes in the Calgary Grand Prix and European championships last September. said: "He's just not going. He's spooking at everything." When Geoff Billington, the big hope of the team after his clear round in the qualifier on Monday, collected 12 faults. four of them at the water, any lingering chance of a medal had gone. "I was trying to get a good stride to the water but he kept backing off," Billington said. The mistake unsettled the normally careful It's Otto, who then faulted at the last two fences.

While British riders struggled to come to terms with the course, Ireland, seeking their first Olympic showjumping medal, were lifted into the top three at the halfway stage by a superb round from their fourth rider, Eddie Macken, on his reserve horse, Schalkhaar. The Spanish, improved out of all recognition by their British trainer, David Broome, moved into contention after a faultiess round from Fernando Sarasola, on

months. Most of the other top 12 nations are full-time. If they A move to larger boats beckons in the long term for Great Britain's silver medal-winner. Ainslie have jobs, they are in the. Norway savours genuine article Men's team ends on wenty years after Swe-den last won an Olym-David Powell on the differing routes taken pic athletics gold med-

high note al, and 40 years after Norway's, the Scandinavian Great Britain4 neighbours were celebrating victories within half an hour

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE men's hockey match

between Great Britain and

India was mistakenly listed on

the television here yesterday

as the final, evoking memories

of 1948. Then India beat Britain 40: the tables were

turned yesterday, albeit in a

India started the better,

scoring through Baljit Dhillon

in the third minute, missing a

good chance three minutes later, and scoring again from

a penalty stroke by Raman-deep Singh after Shaw had

Laslett got Britain back on

terms in the 44th minute,

converting a pass from McGuire. A shaky Indian

defence then conceded two

more goals during a period of

sustained pressure. Wyatt put

the finishing touch to a short corner and Mayer scored from a long corner. In the dying seconds, Pargat Singh

reduced the lead from a short

corner. India's eighth position

was their lowest in the history

of the Games.

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Umpires: R. St. Rose (Tondad) and E. Ruiz – Argentina)

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brought Britain level.

play-off for seventh place.

Sweden. Whereas Vebjorn Rodal, who won the men's 800 metres, was born, raised and trained in Norway, Ludmila Engquist, the women's 100 metres hurdles champion, is a former Russian who has

RECORDS: World: 337-41 (A Perfox, USSR) 1989 European: 337-41 (A Perfox, USSR) 1989 British: 3-51-37 (C Macticotes) 1990 Olympic: 3-38-29 (V Nanarko, USSR) 1988

1996 BBST: 3 40-58 A Plothkov (Russ), 342-30 N Metyukhni (Russ); 3 42-40 R Korzenowski (Pol), 3 42-52 Zhao Yongsheng (China); 3 42-52 Yonko (Belo), 3 43-00 V Späsyn (Russ), 3 43-41 Zhang Hulgeng (China); 3 45-19 V Kononen (Finiger); anneus Languager (Russ), 3 43-41 Zhang Hulgeng (China); 3 45-19 V Kononen (Finiger); anneus Languager (Russ), 3 43-41 Zhang

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Gold: T Green (1932), H Whitlock (1936), D Thompson (1960).

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BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES; Gold: 1920, 1936

4 x 100m relay

by two athletes on the road to Olympic gold

served a drugs ban and was cleared to compete here for Sweden only four weeks ago. of each other on Wednesday A blue-eyed blonde she may evening. Norway louder than be, but Sweden is not con-

vinced she is one of them. Before she married her Swedish manager, Engquist's name was Narozhilenko, winner of the gold medal at the 1991 world championships. In 1993 she was suspended for

spiking her food with steroids to avenge her leaving him. A Russian court cleared Narozhilenko and the International Amateur Athletic Federation, saving itself the expense of a court case, allowed her back after 22

wedish media has supported her, saying that she was a FORM GUIDE TO TODAY'S EVENTS victim of her husband's jealousy, but there is scepticism WOMEN within the sport in Sweden. WOMEN
10,000 matres
RECORDS: World: 29mn 31.78sec (Wang Junta, China) 1983 Europear: 30:13 74 (I Kristiansen, Nor) 1988 Britists, 20:57.07 (E McColgan) 1991. Olympic: 31:05:21 (O Bonderanko, USSR) 1988 1985: 31:05:21 (O Bonderanko, USSR) 1988 1985: 31:07.00 Margi Juneta (China): 31:32.1 Han Xhuuan (China): 31:32.4 Han Xhuuan (China): 31:32.4 Han Xhuuan (Lepan): 31:20:46 M China (Japen): 31:24 08 J Vaqueto Sp) 31:31 14 Wang Mangde (China): 31:33.51 F Riberto (Port: 31:51 14 K Wessel (Ger): 31:51 71 K Risk (Aus): 1987: These Olympics are the first time that Engquist has competed for Sweden, though she has been living in the suburbs of Stockholm since November 1993. Normally she would

fore obtaining Swedish citi-zenship but, in a move reminiscent of Britain's un-(ALS) BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Silver: McColgan (1988) seemly haste to give Zola Budd a British passport for 4 x 100m relay RECORDS: World: 41 37sec (East Germany) 1985 European: 41 37 (E Gen. British: 42 43 (1980) Olympic: 41 60 (E the 1984 Olympics, she was granted it on June 20. However, without Russia's approval last month, she would have been barred from the Games under Internation-

British 42.43 (1980) Chympics 41 of 16 Ger) 1980. 1998 BEST: 42.34 Unded States. 42.55 Russla. 42.59 Germany. 43.13 France. 43.24 Ukraine: 43.62 Belorussla. 43.76 Bulgane. 43.91 Holland. 43.82 Chine. 43.96 haly British: 44.07 BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Silver (1936 1956). 4 x 400m relay RECORDS: World: 3mm 15 17sec (Soviet Union) 1988 European: 3:15 17 (USSR) British: 3:22 01 (1991). Olympic: 3 15.17

USSR) 1998 BEST: 3:26 19 Germany, 3:27:50 United States: 3:27:74 Ukrame; 3:28:50 United States: 3:27:74 Ukrame; 3:28:50 France, 3:29:50 Italy; 3:31:63 China. 3:31:60 Great British PERFORMANCE: Bronze

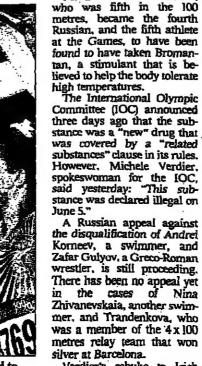
states) and now Sweden. Rodal's development has been strictly Norwegian, run-Compiled by Stan Great being

ning for his country in Euro-pean and world junior cham-pionships before graduating to the senior team. Ironically, he may not have won had another Scandinavian counfour years after failing a drugs try. Denmark, been as flexible test but reinstated when her granting citizenship as former husband admitted Sweden was with Engquist.

Wilson Kipketer, Kenyan-born but resident in Denmark for six years, is the 800 metres world champion, but was unable to take part here. Denmark has made him wait the normal seven years for citizenship.



Engquist: cleared to



compete for Sweden



France enjoy benefit of de Gaulle's vision

t was General de Gaulle who laid the foundation for France's success in these Games. Thirteen gold medals, a stark contrast to the one carned by Great Britain in Atlanta, are evidence aplenty of the success of de Gaulle's

At the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, France failed to gain any victories and there was a cartoon printed in a French newspaper that September of de Gaulle ready to leave for Italy complaining: "In this country, if I don't do every-

De Gaulle may not have competed at those Games, but he was insulted that his vision of the excellence and nobility of France should have been besmirched. In 1961, he appointed a Minister of Sport and established a structure that has allowed France, over the last three summer Olym-

Mingxia. She gave us the abiding image of the Barcelo-

na Games: the Chinese high

diver, a waif in a trance of

concentration silhouetted against the Montiuic sky.

There she won the platform

diving gold medal at the age of

13, and we hoped then to see a

We have. Thirty pounds

more, to be precise, plus an

extra inch of height that takes

her to 5ft 2in and nine stone. She won the platform event here in Atlanta and then went

for the springboard competition as well: the diver's double.

In Barcelona, she was too

slight a thing to generate

Well, four years ago she was

power from the springboard.

a little girl, half-bewildered by

her own gift. These days, she

is halfway to being a woman.

you caught her face in repose,

which admittedly is something you hardly ever do. I have seen such a face a million

times on Hong Kong ferries:

pleasant, animated, common-

on a thousand Hong Kong

journeys, and Fu would fit into

the crowds without turning a

head. Though the big. lopsid-

warning might make you

cannot take your eyes from

hypnotised. And utterly with-

IF YOU HAVEN'T

GOT TIME FOR A

BUPA HEALTH MONITOR

YOU PROBABLY

NEED ONE.

Ten years ago, you never gave a minute's thought

It's an old story. And it belps explain why coronary 🞇

to your health. Then, bit by bit, your work started 🐉

heart disease strikes one man in four before the age of

taking the place of your work-out.

But in competition, you

smile back.

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place. A short flop of black

Not that you would know, if

and a woman of power.

good deal more of her.

pics, to achieve better results than Britain. In the winter Olympics since 1964, France have been embarrassingly

One central difference be-

tween the two countries is that France has a Minister of Sport, Guy Drut, the 1976 Olympic 110 hurdles champion, who has a budget and power, whereas Britain has a Minister for Sport, Iain Sproat, a former cricket statistician, who has neither. Successive French sports ministers since the Sixties have been able to support the governing bodies of various sports without having to involve the separate bureaucracy of the Sports Council. The chairman of the new United Kingdom Sports Council is Sir Ian MacLaurin, the chairman of Tesco, but a man usually able to give only one day a

month to sorting out the

DIVING

Fu establishes

monopoly of the board game

SIMON BARNES

Great Britain's nearest neighbour is enjoying such success in Atlanta

THE MISSING

MEDALS

John Goodbody looks at the reason

evident probain, even if he were able to do so. In France. ment takes direct responsibility for sporting peralso forces everyone taking

part in an ac-

tivity to join the national governing body and pay to be a licensed competitor. Out of the population of 55 million, 12 million are registered sportsmen and

spray; a monosyllabic rip.

and dripping mane.

each dive."

brings valuable revenue for the sports governing bodies.

In Britain there is no obligation people taking part in many sports, such as football and tennis, to be a member of the governing

Jean-Françoise Renault, a leading journalist on L'Equipe, the French daily

sports newspaper, said: "It is much better to have a system of having a minister with ver and money. However, like Britain we have the same problems with so many youngsters giving up sport in their teens. Don't forget we only have two hours of sport for each week for every child in school." This is the same amount as recommended by the British Government in the

Jean Richard Germont, the director of elite training for the French Olympic Committee. said: "State aid is absolutely indispensible. Without it, we could not prepare properly for these Games. Money is paid directly from the state to help subsidise coaches in judo, in which France have 494,000 registered competitors. There are 72 fully-paid coaches and development officers in most of the 92 départments." Brit-

National Curriculum.

ain has three coaches and four part-time development officers. France won eight medals, including three gold, in judo in these Games: Britain took

Whereas, in Britain, competitors receive subsidiary from the Sports Aid Foundation, in France it goes through the individual federations. with leading competitors receiving similar amounts according to their ability. The elite receive about £1,250 per month. However, at these Games, the French, unlike the British, directly reward competitors who reach the podium. A gold medal is worth £32,000, a silver £15,000 and a bronze £10,000.

When asked if the French method is better than in Britain, Germont replied: "It is the system. The proof is that it works." Britain's system is not working.

RADIO CHOICE

For Sunday, read Friday

Thanks to radio technology, we now have a Sunday newspaper — weekend supplements included — on Friday. Current affairs topics discussed include: is media treatment of Africa's human disasters a form of pornography for the advanced world? Medical advice includes: avoid watching monkeys climbing trees: you'll get a sore neck. Photography hint: you need a good eye for images that are potentially the defining icons of the coming weekend. Social affairs: under the headline "Bouncing Czechs" the question is posed; why is it that Czechoslovakian men are so reluctant to wear underwear? that Czechoslovakian men are so reluctant to wear underwear? Shopping guide: be careful when buying a dressing gown from trappist monks. You may end up with a tractor.

Mining the Archive. Radio 3. 3pm.

Director of the Edinburgh Festival for five of its 50 years, Sir John Drummond selects highlights from its first half-century. We have come to expect anecdotes from him and he does not disappoint us. come to expect anecdotes from him and he does not disappoint us. Nor are we disappointed in the matter of spoken word extracts which he picks from the BBC archives, including Beecham explaining why he originally cold-shouldered the Edinburgh Festival, then in characteristically Olympian fashion, relented. In the first of four programmes, the items Sir John chooses include Beethoven's Consecration of the House overture, the first movement of his Quartet Op 59 No 3 and the "choral" symphony.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.30am Chris Evans 9.00 Kevin Greaning, incl Golden Hour 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow, live Irrorn the Priory Park in Southend 12.30pm (Irsal Anson, incl Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark. Goodier 7.00 Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show 3.00am Annie Nightingale 5.00 Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

PM Stereo. 8.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Alek Lester 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30 Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durin 7.00 The Comedy Ouz, hosted by Parn Ayres 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 8.45 Every Living Thing 9.00 Ustern to the Band 10.00 The Cambridge Folk Eschied 12 05am Charles Nove Folk Festival 12.05am Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morrung Reports 6.00 The Olympic Breaktast Programme 8.36 The Magazine, with Diana Madili 12.00 Midday with Mair, stol 12.35pm Money Midday with Mair, rict 12.35pm Moneycheck, with Katie Derham 2.00
invardate's Olympica includes the
opening rounds of the sprint relays Plus
racing from Goodwood 5.30 Nationwide
7.00 Olympic News Extra, und at 7.20
Sports and Olympic Roundup 7.45
Atlanta Live, with Sybil Roscoe and Ian
Payrie Includes the women's ternis
finals and yachting from Savarnah
10.00 Night Edra, with Valene
Sanderson 11.00 inverdate's Olympics
Includes the men's hockey finals and
more of the borang semi-finals 4.00em
Lip All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6.30em Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chrsholm 1.00pm Arina Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deekey 7.00 Sport 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00em Mike

WORLD SERVICE

5.30am Europe Today 5.45 Folk Routes 6.30 Europe Today 6.45 Words and Musik: 6.50 The Insider's Guide 7.05 Clympic Sportsworld 7.30 Rock Salad 8.15 Ort the Snell 8.30 Pick of the World 9.15 Maxic Review 9.45 Poems by Pos 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Focus on Fairh 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Ort the Shell 12.30pm Meridan 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Science in Action 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Musitus 3.0. Alternative 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.30 Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.10 World Today 6.25 Spottight 6.30 News in German 7.30 Focus on Faith 9.01 Proms '96 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 For and Against 11.30 The New Business Report 10,15 binsh 100ay 10,30 For and Against 11,30 The New Europa 11,45 Sports Roundup 12,10 Spotlight 12,15 The Insider's Guide 12,25 Book Choica 12,30 Multitrack. Atternative 1,30 Seven Days 1,45 Britain Today 2,30 Atlanta Live 2,55 Words of Faith 3,30 Atlanta Live 4,05 Atlanta Live 4,30 The Victoriac Chart Show. 4.30 The Virtage Chart Show

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kally 12.00 Margaret Howard 2.00pm Lunchtme Concerto Dvo-fák (Cello Concerto in B minot) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Newsright 6.30 Sonata 7.00 Showcase 8.00 Evening Concert, Purcell (Come Ye Sons of Art Away, 2323). Delus (Cynara): Biss (A Colour Symphony) Door (Enlorne Variations) 10.00 Michael Eger (Enigma Variations) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

8.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyte (PM) /(AM) Robin Banks 10.00 Atan Freeman 12.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00am Howard Pearce

6.00am On Air, With Andrew
McGregor Beethoven (Violin
Sonata in F. Op 24, Spring),
Respighi (Fourtains of
Rome), Mozart (Horn
Concerto No 4 in E flat,
K495); Bach (Partita No 1 in B
liat, BWV 825), Verdi
(Charterium: The Force of

(Symphony No 1, Classical)

9.00 Horning Collection with

Paul Gambaccini. Stravinsky (Fireworks), Beethoven (Bagatelles, Op 126); Bizet (Sympnony in C) 10.00 Musical Encounters. Hindemith (Trauemusik)

Glazunov (incidental music The king of the Jews, Acrs and 2): Zipoli, arr Ginastera (Toccala), Bruch (Romance Op 85), Prokollev (Russian Overture) 11.09 Carl Vine (Piano Sonata), Bach, orch

Slokowski (Notturno) 12.00 Composer of the W Handel 1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Bartok Plus.

Gyorgy Paul , violin Roger Vignoles, piano Beethove 30 No 2), Baitok (Violin

James's Church, Procadily in London, Moniserrat Figueras, soprano, Andrew Lawrence King, harp, Jordi Savall, viola da gamba includes works by Tobias Hume, Juan Hidalgo, Jose Marin and Tarquino Menia

3.00 Mining the Archive; Edinburgh International Festival. See Choice (1.4) 5.00 The Music Machine, with

5.15 in Tune. Johann Strauss, son (Overture Die Fledermaus); Bliss (Conversation), Mozart (Serenade in G. K525, Eine

Neine nachtsmusik)
7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall in London Maria Bayo, soprano, Susan MacDougall, tenor, Peter Kooy, bass, Choir of New College Oxford, Choir of Winchester Cathedral. Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under René Jacobs Bach (Orchestral Suite No 3 in D. BWV 1068), Handel (Gruiro Cesare rander (Glorio Cesare, excerpts) 8.05 The Christian Church Was Born in Song, Jeremy Summerly and guests discuss why praising God therwish soon has such a through song has such a

widespread appeal 8.25 Proms Part 2 Bach (Magnificat in D. BWV 243) 9.15 Lost in London, The Crystal 9.30 Tales from the East, Thomas Troller, organ

Roussel (Joueurs Agra Yavishia). Siephen Coombs and Christopher Scott, punos. Ravel Ouverture de leare: Sheherazade). 10.00 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall in London The Calculta Drum Orchestra cerforms. performs a selection of Indian

ciassical drum music 12.00 Composer of the Week: Kurt Welli (r) 1.00am Through the Night, with Forsid Macieod Includes 1.00 Sach 2.30 Brahms and

4.45 Short Story: The Swaddlin Clothes, by Yuko Mishma Road by Elizabeth Bell 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

8.05 in the Dock: Banks The

cross-examines some of

professions (2,6) 8.50 Home Rules. A series that looks at how different

households operate (1/4) (r) 9.15 Letter from America, by

Walk on the Water, Pau

Dousl explores the history of seasode piers in 9.59

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9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: A

Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

Britain's key institutions and

Envisou 3.40 Weber Brahms Dennov and Françoi 4.35 Bai 5.00 Sequence

RADIO 4

5,55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6,00 News Briefing incl Weather 6,10 Farming Teday 6,25 Prayer for the Day 6,30 Today and 7,25, 8,25 Sport 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Growing Spaces. Sir Roy Strong visits a secret Victorian garden which has recently been unearhed and restored 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Carle

7.45 Thought for the Day, 8.40 Speak after the Boep 14.41 8.58 Wouther 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. The novelist Julian Barnes (r) 9.45 Feedback, with Chris

Dunkley

10.00 News; Survivors (FM only).
John Man presents a new series of tales of human

part of Saddam Hussein s human shield during the Gulf War (1/6)

10.00 An Act of Worship iLW: 10.15 On This Day iLW: 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 The Deep Season: The

11.30 The beep season: The
Natural History
Programme, with Joanna
Prunck
12.00 News; You and Yours, with
Chris Cho
12.35pm The Deep Season: One
for the Pot. Lionel Kelleway
hunts down cash and kelled

hunis down crab and lobster along the South Wales coast (2/4) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News, The Classic Serial: The Barchester Chronicles:

Dr Thome, by Anthony Trollape With John Wood

and Leo McKern (2/3) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope.
Ten Marlow reads a tectonal
account of the kile of artist

Pobn Lusing
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Changes
of Address, by Lee Langley
Abridged by Yvonne
Antrobus road by Juliet
Stewaron Vertical Slevenson (5/8) 11.00 The Sunday Format. See

11.25 Fourth Column, with Bill Tidy
11.45 The Big Umbrella, Leading
thinkers present radio essays
on original ideas. This week's
12.00 News incl 12.27am approx
Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Secret

History, Wilkam Hope reads Donna Tarti's thylier (5/15) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97 6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6. LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 646; LW 198 (12.45-5.95am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings complied by Peter Dear, lan Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Themson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.



Fu's grace and power were evident as she captured the springboard gold

have watched her diving from the ten-metre platform: unusually, and frequently, she platform.

out fear. She began her final set of five dives with an inward dive: throwing down the gauntlet, for most competi-

Atlanta sketch

ed smile that erupts without her. Spookily composed, self-

tors like to get their eye in with

something less alarming.

Safe options? The words have no meaning for Fu. I

ing. The gossip and laughter of such people filled my ears

Her confidence in her mas-

gets so close to the edge that her fringe flicks the board on never hashed her head on the

tery of that narrow corridor of space is complete: and that, not the tumbles, is what diving is all about. At this level. anyone can turn 35 somersaults in the air. But to do them so precisely that you hit the water like an arrow, that is diving. A test of courage and spatial understanding. It is an

where it told. It was a tight competition until then. Fugave us a reverse 2'2 sometspin back in and attack the board. It was the round where each of her rivals told herself: this is my chance, seize it, And missed. Not Fu. The

aerial gymnastics were performed in a flash, and she had all the time in the world to transform herself into an arrow. A soft, decisive rip. And the rest could squabble about second. Fu becomes the first woman to do the diver's double since Ingrid Kramer. of Germany, in 1960; she, too. The state of the s was 17. No diver has won more than four golds, or more than live medals in total. Will you be back in Sydney? Fu smiled. She is not retiring. Just

"In 1992, I was a little girl." she said. "I am older and I am heavier now, and I use different strategies that work to my advantage. I have also grown a lot in terms of experience -

time she knew what it was

gold medal. and that is why the gold medal means a lot to me this time." She won the first on talent alone, almost a passive victim of her own ability. But this

or an adventure abroad: others, though not many, with a And the ionely search for perfection continues. It is a

hard, often brutal way of life. No one gets that good at anything on talent alone. The routines for flexibility are like a daily stretching on the rack.

about. Some of us achieve with your trainer pushing. grown-upness by a love affair to do. Miss Fu?

pulling and, in extremis, standing on top of you. What is the worst exercise you have The exercise I hate most is

the one I don't do well." she said. There, in a line, is this girl, the woman with three diving golds. The eyes, once again, but briefly, two small

Steve Cram and Tim

Hutchings are both doing a good job at Eurosport. It is

also far from inconceivable

that Scb Coe might be looking

for a new job next spring. A

female voice is also long

overdue, in which case, i

Sally Gunnell does decide to

call it a day, a new jub could

The problem is that the

former athletes of today con-

tinue to make huge fortunes

from marketing tomorrow.

But just as the country needs

to invest in the future of

British athletics, so the BBC nceds to invest in the future of

its commentary team. It could

be cheque book time.

be waiting.

Coleman no longer cuts the mustard

A row (a figure that creeds even the wildest of my second year at fter 13 late nights in a university). I have begun to hear voices. They arrive any time after lam and they argue incessantly.

taking each dive as it comes.

"Excellent" says the voice of the Olympic purist, taking up position on my left shoulder as David Coleman announces that coming soon are three heats of the men's 5,000 metres. "that'll take us up nicely to the women's springboard at 3.30am, with perhaps a little live basketball to follow. Anyone fancy a cup of

"Go to bed, bonehead," says the voice of the pragmatic patriot on my right shoulder. "Christie, Regis. Ridgeon ... the only way you're going to see a medal in this stadium is in your dreams. Night, night."

On Wednesday night the voice of the Olympic purist prevailed until the excitement of the women's 100 metres hurdles final and the triple jump produced a natural hiatus at around 2.15am. "Still to come ... " enthused an cager Coleman. "three heats of the men's ..." "Bed." hissed the voice in my right ear, "go to bed." Well, you can only be an

Olympic purist for so long. By that time, thanks to an early start to the semi-finals of the women's 100 metres hurdies. I had already enjoyed 312 hours of BBC coverage, coverage which I am reliably informed is superior to anything being shown in the United States. The question is, could it have been even better? I think it could.

After his inevitable failure



ON THE

TELEVISION

MARATHON in the second round of the 200 metres, Coleman accurately pointed out that Linford Christie had fallen victim to "the next generation". But what happens to sprinters applies to commentators too and, after ten summer Olympiads, Coleman should follow Christie's example and retire. His commentary is simply not what it was. He should make

way and let us remember him as the voice of athletics. His natural successor is in place, in the authoritative shape of Stuart Storey, who has had a cool calm and above all, accurate Olympics. If Storey finds Merlene Ottey where we expect to see Juliet Cuthbert, it is because the athletes have changed heats,

He is also prepared to mix it a

After a cracking finish to the final of the women's 100 metres hurdles he tossed in the suggestion that it was time the height of the women's hurdles was raised. That's not a new idea, of course, but it was the right talking point at the right time.

Alongside him, Paul Dickenson has had a pretty decent Games too. Early yesterday Kravets who came to his aid with a huge triple jump. "Beamon-esque" might have been pushing it, but we know what he meant.

alongside them.

WORD-WATCHING

Both Storey and Dickenson, of course, are former Olympians - Storcy in the high hurdles. Dickenson in the hammer - but they are both Olympians of some vintage now. Top priority must be to get some younger blood into the commentary box

There is no shortage of candidates. Daley Thompson sounds quite promising, when

Answers from page 35 ABALONE (c) A gastropod molluse of the genus Haliotis, used for food; an ear-shell or sea-ear. From the Spanish abulón, Monterey Indian aulun, in the same sense. CACUMINAL (a) Of sounds: produced with the tip of the tongue "inverted" or carved upwards towards the hard palate. From the Latin cacumen up, transferred into cacuminate in Phonetics. The term cacuminal (or cerebral, or inverted) is applied to a frontal orientation, in which the point of the tongue is turned up and

(b) In Jewish folklore, the malevolent spirit of a dead person that enters and controls the body of a living person until exercised. From the Hebrew dibbūk, verb dūbūk to cling or cleave. "An old Jew who muttered jargon into as rabbi's beard as if saying a spell against Dybbuks."

of the late Pleistocene period found at Boskop, in the Transvaal. South Africa. "The Boskop man was of the Neanderthal race, but more advanced in intelligence." SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

R(b4! (I ... R7b4! Works equally well) I ... axb4 2 Qh6+ Kxh6 3 Bf8+ Kh5 4 Be2 mate. Without the initial rook sacrifice, Black

would be able to play 4 ... Qg4 in the final position.

(b) Of or belonging to the early type of man indicated by the skull

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relationship between Ross and Rachel. Chandler regrets asking Monica to help him lose weight (Teletext) (s) (97463)

comedy (Teletext) (s) (791005)

and creations (s) (427531)



Elvis Costello entertains (11.35pm)

12.40em D.O.A. A poignant documentary of the punk scene during the height of the Sex Pistols' first fame (r) (829154) 2.20 FILM: Blood on Satan's Claw (1970).

Sassenachs ahead on low road to laughter

Berween them, Ian Partison and Simon Nye have the British sit-com pretty much sewn up. North of the border scarcely a chuckle goes into production without Pattison knowing about it, while in the south Nye's comedy empire expands with each commissioning season. One day, perhaps, someone will persuade them to team up and give the world its first ever sit-com set in Berwick-upon-Tweed...or maybe Carlisle. But wherever it is and whatever it is called (Para Hadrian? Fly Fishermen Behaving Bad-(y?) two things are certain. Its cast will be largely male and it will be very, very rude,

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But until that great day dawns, we continue to assess their work separately. Last night was the final opportunity for a bit of compare and contrast, with the current season of Nye's Men Behaving Badly (BBCI) coming to an end, while Panison's Atletico Partick

Well, you could just say that Men Behaving Badly was very funny and Atletico Partick wasn't. This has the dual advantage of being brief and reasonably honest, but the disadvantage of leaving me with niggling doubts. Doubts that this somehow isn't being fair to Pattison, whose writing is normally premy reliable, doubts about how his series differs and disappoints when compared to the far more promising pilot show last year and doubts about whether I'm taking the whole thing just too seriously. After all. I did laugh when François, the football team's new, gay ballet coach, started playing he loves me, he loves me not with a bag of chips.

By contrast, I have virtually no doubts about Men Behaving Badly which signed off with an outstanding exploration of the full tragedy of the male condition, writ as only Nye knows how. Like Patti-

san. Nye exploits stereotypes. Nye does rude stuff, but he gets away with it because Gary and Tony an more firmly based in the real world than a bunch of numpties playing in the Patel Brothers Streaky Bacon Sunday League.

ast night's episode was almost too painful to watch, as Ithe inevitability of what happened when Debs and Dornthy went away for a sailing weekend came to pass. As Dorothy said, it was a chance for Gary to have some "quality bloke time and more lager space". What it was, of course, was a chance for Gary to have his way with one of the girls

Quite how he managed it with chat up lines such as "your lips are like liver" and putting on Chas 'n' Dave rather than mellow jazz is difficult to understand. Suffice it to say she was a woman of independent mind: "I think we should go REVIEW

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to bed now." Ah, the bed thing. Before we got there, Tony's new found passion for carpentry had given Nye the opportunity for some superior slapstick (Tony having inevitably built a wooden barbecue) and a well-aimed dig at the current vogue for discovering the inner man. "I've had a really great day... building stuff," he shouted at his own reflection, There was also lots of dancing naturally) which personally I don't think we can ever have enough of But it was the morning-after that added the piquancy and pathos that will stay in the memory. 'Have you got everything?" asked Gary. Carol thought about it: Earrings, underwear, slight sense of awkwardness." Yes that was everything. The scene was beautifully played by Martin Clunes and by Liz Carling as Carol, as was the subsequent one where Dorothy

came home to discover . . . a slight

variation of the truth. As the

woman who knew something had

happened but preferred not to know, Caroline Quentin was out-

According to Lachie of Atletico Partick, the traditional Glasgow night out involves "getting tradi-tionally pished, having the tradi-tional kebab followed by the traditional fight outside a nightclub". David Greig gave this cliche some-

thing of a reworking in the highly promising screenplay Nightlife, the latest from BBC2's Double Exposure season for new writers.

arely will a new writer get the chance to see his work look as good, or as expen-sive, as this did. There were helicopter shots, tower shots and because this was post-Shallow Grave Glasgow, a beautiful flat to boot, in it we found Robin (Katrin Cartlidge), a young woman who had locked her front door (several times) and now viewed the world through the huge zoom lens of her tripod-mounted camera.

If Cartlidge was the star land she was very good) her co-star was the park she lived opposite. A thing of municipal beauty during the day, it became a far more menacing place at night, a place for furtive couplings in the bushes, for drug dealing and for Jane Horrocks to practice her Scottish coming along nicely. Any film that involves zoom

lenses and parks owes an obvious debt to Antonioni's Blow-Up and this was repaid with a jaunty 1900s pop-song over the opening titles. At the end you half expected a heavily side-burned young man to jump into an open-top sports car. or a mini-skirted girl to throw her crocheted beret in the air, but alas they did not. Like David Hemmings, Robin

wasn't sure what she had seen through her lens, although Greig's tendency to tie up loose ends trather than loosen them as Antonioni did) meant we were left in little doubt. She had not witnessed a kidnapping at all, but an elaborate sado-masochistic gay fantasy. Not quite the night out that the lads of Atletico Partick had in mind.

7.00 The Big Breakfast (69531)

6.00am Business Breakfast (58260)

7.00 Olympic Breakfast. Overnight action from Allanta Featured events include the linals of the men's 200m and 400m hurdles and the women's 1500m semifinals. Plus basketball, volleyball, hockey and lootball. Includes 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15 news (s) (76821)

9.00 News (Ceetax) (9597550) 9.05 Olympic Grandstand. Extended highlights including the decathlon, equestrianism, boxing, basketball and the finals of the women's hockey and football fournaments. Includes 11.00 and 12.00 News and weather (s)

1312034441 12,35pm Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (6026314) 1.00 News & Weather (Ceefax) (86208) 1.30 Regional News (42300463)

1.40 Olympic Grandstand. The opening rounds of the 4x100m and 4x400m rela and qualitying for the men's savelin final The men's 50km walk takes place and there are also the final stages of competition in the archery and canoeing

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Cestax) (a) (372314) 6.00 News & Weather (Ceelax) (85)

6.30 Regional news magazines (37) 7.00 Essential Olympics. Desmond Lynam introduces live action from the woman's tennis singles final. Plus a review of lest night's athletic action (Ceefax) (10173)

8.30 EastEnders. Nellie has a surprise for Mark and Ruth (Ceelax) (s) (9482)

9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (2032) 9.30 Chicago Hope. Doctors perform two operations simultaneously on a dying patient. Kronk discovers that his girllriend was once a man and there is trouble for Saunders as a fight with a group health plan threatens to destroy his private practice (Ceetax) (s) (868821)

10.20 Olympic Grandstand. Live action from track and field. The 4x100m quartet boasts the talents of Unford Christie, John Regis and Darren Braithwaite. British record holder Roger Black, Du'aine Ladejo and Iwan Thomas run in the individual event and should make the relay team. 10.30 Hockey 11.50 Pole Vault final 11.55 Woman's shot final 19.00 Women's 4x100m relay semi-final 12.15em Women's long jump final 12.35 4x400m semi-finals 2.05 Men's steeple chase final 2.30 Women's 10,000m final. Plus yachting, boxing, volleyball and diving (s) (36799227)

4.25 What a Carry On! A compilation of Carry On films Featuring the combined might of Sidney James, Hathe Jacques, Kenneth Williams, Joan Sims, Frankle Howard, Charles Hawtrey and Kenneth Connor (r) (45283512)

4.55 FILM: She Done Him Wrong (1933) In one of her most celebrated roles, Mae West plays Lady Lou, a leisty stat performer in an 1890s Bowery beer hall She talks for a man who claims to be the captain of a local mission, but is in fact an undercover cop Also starring Cary Grant. Directed by Lowell Sherman (b/w) (43144357) Ends 6am

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6.10em Fontainebleau: The Changing Image of Kingship (3133734) 6.35 Errors Aren't Forever (2003550) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax)

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1.15 Open View (s) (24373598) 1.20
The Oprah Wintrey Show (Ceelax) (s)

2.00 Glorious Goodwood. Racing action in-troduced by Julian Wilson including the 2.15; 2.45; 3.20 and 3.50 (5376)

4.00 Tom and Jerry (5938024) 4.05 To Me...to You (Ceefax) (5) (3798685) 4.30 Pirates (r) (Ceefax) (34) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (9033901) 5.10 Record Breakers (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4734531)

5.35 Olympic Grandstand. Further coverage including the women's singles tennis tinal as well as yachting and archery. (s) 7.00 Top of the Pops. This week's best-

selling singles, five performances and pre-release exclusives (9869) 7.30 Gardeners' World. Presented by Alan Titchmarsh (s)

(Ceefax) (63) 8.00 War Welks: Waterloo. (2/6) (Coetax) (s) (5289) 8.30 Olympic Grandstand. Sue Barker

introduces action from Atlanta including solo yachting and archery. Plus the men's doubles tennis final, wrestling and rhythmic gymnastics (s) (10012802) Followed by Video Nation Shorts



11.15 London Shouting. Alternative entertainment show, hosted by Simon Munnery, in the guise of Alan Parker (489918)

11.50 Only an Excuse? Scolland's premier soccer send-up. With Alislair MacGowan, Jonathan Walson, Gordon, kennedy. Greg Hemphill and Lewis Libeod (s) (506109) Followed by "JUO clew 12.25am Olympic Grandsta." coverage

of the men's hockey final. The chances are that the favourites, Germany, will take either the women's baskelball final or highlights of the baseball final (s) (67086770)

4.30 End to End (79203)

CHOICE

BBC2, 7.30pm Again pushed into an earlier slot by the Olympies and with Alan Titchmarsh continuing to cover (more than adequately) for Geoff Hamilton, Gardeners World makes a further break with routine by visiting an art gallery. The occasion is an exhibition in Dulwich of Dutch flower paintings from the 17th and 18th centuries. As this is a gardening show the focus is less on aesthetics than on such conundrums as why tulips are sharing a vase with roses which bloom several weeks later. An art historian. Paul Taylor, tries to solve the historian. Paul Taylot, these to save the puzzle. Otherwise the programme has familiar ingredients. There is a visit to a garden near Oban where a retired couple, both doctors, have overcome the hazards of heavy rainfall and poor drainage. And the legal spot considers redress against nvasions of weeds from neighbouring plots.

War Walks: Waterloo BBC2, except Ireland, 8.00pm

In his flat hat and classy anorak, looking more than ever like a country squire, Richard Holmes pops over to Belgium to reconstruct the battle that, in the words of victor Hugo, changed the direction of the world. But the impact of Waterloo is out of all proportion to the small strip of land over which it was fought. The decisive skirmishes took place not over some huge front but around two farmhouses. Nor was it a protracted campaign. Napoleon's guns opened lire at 11.30am and by 7pm the same day it was all over. As for Waterloo today. you would hardly guess that the battle was a French defeat. Holmes discovers not only a lucrative trade in Napoleon busts but Frenchmen more than willing to dress up as 19th-century soldiers in order to replay an inglorious episode in their country's history.

IT1: 9.00pm

Never mind that the acting is robotic or that the scriptwriters have drawn on every cliche in the scap opera book and thrown in a few of their own. Nor that the plot has become so serpentine that only a genius could make sense of it. Well might the hooker Veronica complain at the start of this week's episode that she is "so confused". If she does not know what is going on, how are we expected to? The safe advice is to assume that everybody in this saga of nasty rich Americans in the state of Georgia is trying to drift becomes clear and Savannah can be enjoyed for what it is, a tale so overheated and preposterous that it is impossible to switch off, it is also, because it takes itself so seriously, exceedingly furny. If only the same could be said for our own EastEnders.

London Shouting BBC2, 11,15pm

As the title suggests, this is a noisy entertainment. The host, Alan Parker, does nothing but shout and his raucousness is catching. The question, of this shapeless mix of comedy and music, is how much to believe. Amanda, who is sent out to surprise ordinary folk in their homes, is clearly a spoof, presumably inspired by The Big Breakfast. Funnier, but no more real, is a report from Lancashire about the hobby of jumping off pillar boxes. Parker himself is a fiction. the "Urban Warrior" from ITV's Saturday Live. He is portrayed by Simon Munnery, who wrote the show with Graham Linehan, one half of the Father Ted team. There are two resident bands, both genuine. To judge by the audience. London Shouting is aimed at the under-thirties. Older viewers may feel a bit left out. Peter Waymark 6.00em GMTV 144782089

9.25 Halfway across the Galaxy and Turn Left (r) (Teletext) (s) (7992579) 9.50 Hope and Gloria (5311260) 10.20 News (Teletexti (5644918) 10.25 Regional News (Teletext) (5643289) 10,30 Cartoon Time (2557869)

10.40 Switched at Birth. Concluding the miniseries about two Florida girls, brought up by the wrong parents (41514289) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1014192) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (6012111)

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5.10 A Country Practice (s) (5065227) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (898937) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (338531) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (422444) 6.50 Let's Go (842579)

7.00 Lucky Numbers. Presented by Shane Richie (Teletext) (s) (6395) 7.30 Coronation Street. The police investigete Nicky's disappearance and Jamie hears some shocking news (89)

8,00 The Bill Special: Deadline. When a teenage girl is abducted, Deakin quickly arrests the kidnapper — but where has he hidden the girl? (r) (Teletext) (3395)



Beth Toussaint is Veronica (9.00pm

9.00 Savannah: Playing with the Enemy (Teletext) (6) (3531) 10.00 News and weather (Telelext) (82043) 10.30 HTV West News and Weather (317537) 10.40 FILM: A Change of Seasons (1980) with Shirley MacLaine, Anthony Hopkins and Bo Derek, A woman retaliates when she discovers that her middle-sged college professor husband is having an affair with a student. Directed by Richard

12.40 Stand Up (8452796) 1.10 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (s) (7880628)

2.15 FILM: The Beautiful End of This World (1983) with Robert Azorn, Claire Oberman and Gotz George Environmental drama about the attempts to thwart a German company building a by Rainer Erler (313048)

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TONY MARSHALL

Relay squad plan surprise for Americans

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN ATLANTA

THE Great Britain athletics team, facing its least successful Olympic Games for 20 ears, will be looking to Roger Black to lead a salvage opera-tion when the 4 x 400 metres relay is held over the next two days. The event holds Britain's last realistic hope, albeit a faint one, of a victory, but the team is, without doubt, the strongest the nation has fielded.

What greater irony could there be than for the United States, which has been barely able to see beyond itself at these Olympics, to be beaten in the last of the track events? On home ground, in front of record crowds, it has dominated the top step of the podium and the presumption here is that Michael Johnson will anchor the four-lap team to the perfect climax for the American public tomorrow. When Butch Reynolds, the

400 metres world record-holder, said in June that victory was "a formality, we should win by 30 or 40 metres," he was perhaps tempting fate. Since then, Reynolds has been injured, failing to reach the final of the individual event. and, Johnson apart, the per-formances of Britain's 400 metres runners compare favourably with those in the

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Black, in winning the silver medal, finished comfortably clear of Alvin Harrison, the second athlete from the home nation, and Iwan Thomas was just behind him in fifth place. and although Du'aine Ladejo. the European champion, is out of form, Britain has Mark Richardson, fifth in the world championships last year, and but already the fifth-fastest Briton ever, to come in for the final. Had it not been for the towering presence of Johnson, there would be no shadow over optimism that Britain might avoid only its sixth Olympics, out of 23, without an athletics gold medal.

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Although Britain will not name its quartet for each round until the deadline, one hour in advance, Black's comment yesterday "that there is no point in going out on to the track unless you are going out to win." suggests that the team will be structured, and briefed tactically, to gamble on victory rather than play safe for silver medals. If the Americans remain unflustered, they should remember two precedents in which victory was expected



of them, "kicked their butts". Berlin Olympics, when Fred-die Wolff, Godfrey Rampling, Bill Roberts and Godfrey Brown left the United States trailing by two seconds in the silver medal position, despite the fact that, based on personal best times, the Americans pressed self-destruct by not did not contest the 400 metres

The first was in 1936, at the should have won by 20 metres. At the 1991 world championships in Tokyo, the Americans selecting Johnson, the world in the trials. Black, traditionally the anchorman, surprised everybody outside the camp by coming out to run the lead leg. The tactic was devised to unsettle the Americans, who

like to lead from start. Black

opened a gap, but, after Derek

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run legs two and three, Kriss Akabusi was three metres down at the final changeover. Sparing the British men's team from returning home without gold, Akabusi came past Antonio Pettigrew, who had beaten Black to the individual title a few days earlier, the strikes from line.

At the British Olympic trials in June, Black set a British record on a landmark occa-sion for British 400 metres running. "I have looked for-ward to this day for a long time, four guys under 45 seconds," he said. "We are going to have a great relay team and that is important." He probably did not imagine then just how important it would become.

Linford Christie's exit in the second round of the 200 me-

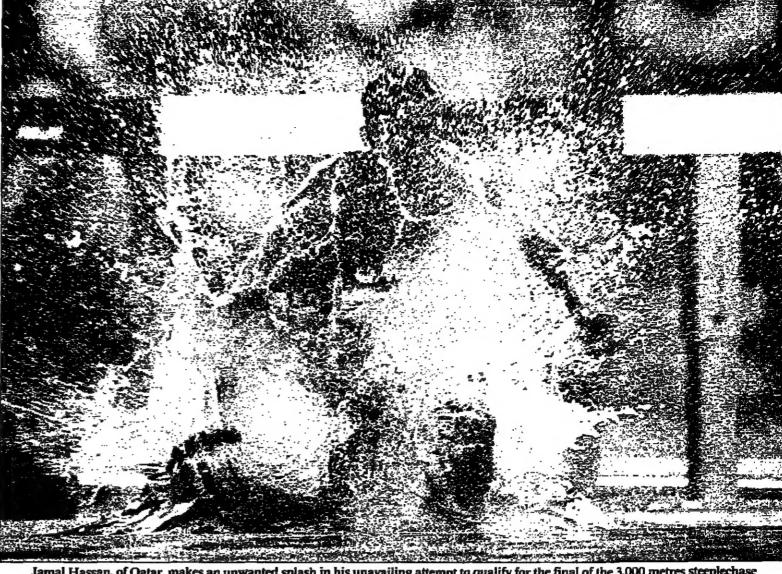
Unless Britain can add to the silvers won by Black and

two strides from line. Be in no doubt that relays

are highly-regarded integral part of the sport. Black described the victory as "more fulfilling for me than anything I have achieved on my own as

tres on Wednesday marked the end of his championship career in individual events. All that is left for him now is the 4 x 100 metres relay. Given the disappointing Olympics that Christie, Colin Jackson and Tony Jarrett have had and that Ian Mackie, who reached the 100 metres semi-finals, has returned home injured, a place on the podium appears little short of an impossibility.

Jonathan Edwards (triple jump), and bronzes taken by Steve Smith (high jump) and Denise Lewis (heptathlon), it medal count since 1976, when Brendan Foster won the solitary bronze, in the 10,000 metres. The 4 x 400 metres apart, Steve Backley (javelin), Kelly Holmes (1,500 metres) and, as long shots, Peter Whitehead and Richard Nerurkar in the marathon. seemed yesterday to be the only candidates to help push



Jamal Hassan, of Qatar, makes an unwanted splash in his unavailing attempt to qualify for the final of the 3,000 metres steeplechase

Lewis's right to run divides nation

FROM JOHN GOODBODY

THE controversy over whether Carl Lewis should run the last leg of the sprint relay in order to end his Olympic career with a record ten gold medals has become a matter of national debate in the United States. For many Americans, Lewis

personifies track and field athletics. Ever since he emulated Jesse Owens by taking four titles at the 1984 Olympic Games, Lewis has symbolised in the premier Olympic sport. Because of the popularity of these Games, which are attracting record-breaking television audiences, many athletics enthusiasts want to use the opportunity of Lewis's farewell to promote their sport

as much as they can. However. Lewis finished eighth in the 100 metres final

for the 4 x 100m relay. Three weeks ago, he did not even turn up for a relay training

camp in North Carolina.
All eight runners from the final at the trials were invited to the camp and Erv Hunt, the US coach, is understandably reluctant to include Lewis. even if the athlete has run the final leg of the Olympic winning relay in the past three

For me to put a person on other athletes are out there busting their behinds, I don't think is fair," Hunt said.

Jon Drummond, a member of the relay team, said of Lewis: "He won the long jump. That's not the 100 metres. He got beaten buttnaked in the trials.

"What is it that gives Carl the right to a tenth gold medal dreams?"

Dennis Mitchell. 30. who was a member of the success-ful quartet in 1992 and is another contender for the squad this year after beating Lewis at the US trials, said: "Carl has had his moment. Let

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Mike Marsh, another relay team member who belongs to Lewis's Santa Monica Track Club, is denying that he will step aside, but he said: "It's a very difficult question for me to answer. It puts me in a tremendously difficult spot."

The issue has split the United States team. Michael staged if Lewis were to run in the relay, surprisingly said: "I always believe you put your best four out there. Seeing we dropped the baton last year lat the world championships. without Lewis] "if I was the coach, I would put Carl on the

The pressure on Hunt is likely to mount before the semi-finals today, when the coach could change his lineup. Perhaps the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) will use its influence to haps Nike will offer a withdrawal fee to allow the sponsors' favourite athlete to run and make history by becoming the first competitor in any sport to win ten

Olympic golds. Perhaps there may even be a political intervention. Ron Wilson, the US representative. has written to President Clinton to ask him to start lobbying for Lewis. It is, as they say here, "a tough call" for the Americans.

Three other competitors apart from Lewis, have won nine gold medals in 100 years of the Games. They are Paavo Nurmi, a long-distance runner from Finland, Larissa Latynina, a Russian gymnast, and Mark Spitz, an American swimmer.

Lewis himself, started the controversy by suggesting that the public should contact the US Olympic Committee and um on his behalf. But yesterday he said: "I've accepted all along that the team has been selected. Now is the time to support the team."

However he added that he would run, if offered the chance by Hunt, and there remains an outside chance of a place if other members of the squad are injured. "I would take that," Lewis said.

Beadsworth sails close to wind but leaves his best until last.

FROM EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT. IN SAVANNAH

ANDY BEADSWORTH is a cool customer and it is just as well. He came within one race of being knocked out of the Soling match-racing in his quarter-final with Stig Westergaard, of Denmark, but converted it into a 3-2 win and then returned to the dock claiming the experience had not shaken him one bit. It may not have affected

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Beadsworth but it was agonising for those of his supporters who were watching including Jim Saltonstall, the Great Britain coach, who was on the edge of his spectator boat. "It was nail-biting stuff," he said.

Beadsworth and his crew of Barry Parkin and Adrian Stead, found themselves in the quarter-finals on Wednesday because they lost their bye into the semi-finals after slipping to third overall on the last day of the fleet racing. Although Beadsworth is probably the

most talanted match-racer still in the competition. Westergaard is the next best. Despite sailing in the Span-

ish team's second-string boat after his own yacht was deemed illegal by measurers at the beginning of the regatta, match-racing champion in Solings - had shown good speed and a fighting spirit to make it into the top six. After two races and two

victories, he seemed to have it all wrapped up. On each occasion the Britons were ahead, but then lost on the downwind legs as the Danes, with a slacker rig setting. produced more speed. But Beadsworth noticed the difference and altered his settings accordingly. In race three he led from start to finish.

The fourth race was decided in the pre-start when Westergaard earned a penalty for not responding quickly enough to a luff with just one minute to go. Approaching the windward mark for the second time in the lead, he tried to force Beadsworth into a penalty of his own, hut ended up stopping his boat dead in the water, allowing the Britons to sail past.

So it came down to the last race. Westergaard got away Beadsworth caught up on the run. About three-quarters of the way down it. Westergaard incurred another penalty for not sailing a proper course after his spinnaker touched Beadsworth's shroud. The Dane then fluffed his markrounding allowing Beadsworth an overlap, and they were off to the finish.

That lifth one was a big match," Beadsworth said "but we were sailing well. I was pleased. We had had a problem downwind and maybe didn't have the rig forward enough." Yesterday. Beads-worth was sailing in the semi-finals against the German double Olympic gold medal-winner Jochen Schümann. "He's got good speed and we are going to need to get up for Beadsworth said, but we're on a roll now with all our pre-race nerves out of the way." Victory will assure him of a silver medal at worst. Defeat will mean a sail-off for

bronze. The other semi-final was being contested by the Rus-sian crew led by Georgi Shayduko and the American boat helmed by Jeff Madrigali. Shayduko had earlier disposed of the Canadians, Bill and Joanne Abbott and Brad Meanwhile, Britain's John

were facing their eleventh and last ruce in the 470s, knowing that they could afford to make no mistakes to hold on to the silver-medal position. They have had a difficult and inconsistent regatta by their own standards and have done well to claw their way into contention after some uneven results. The gold is already secure in

the hands of the Ukrainian pairing of Yevhen Braslavets and Thor Marviyenko but, luckily for Merricks and Walker, many of the other leading crews have had their off-days, too.

However three crews - the Russians, Portuguese and Americans - were capable of stealing silver from them and six could take the bronze. To get either. Merricks and Walker could not afford a disaster which could plunge them out of medal contention.



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